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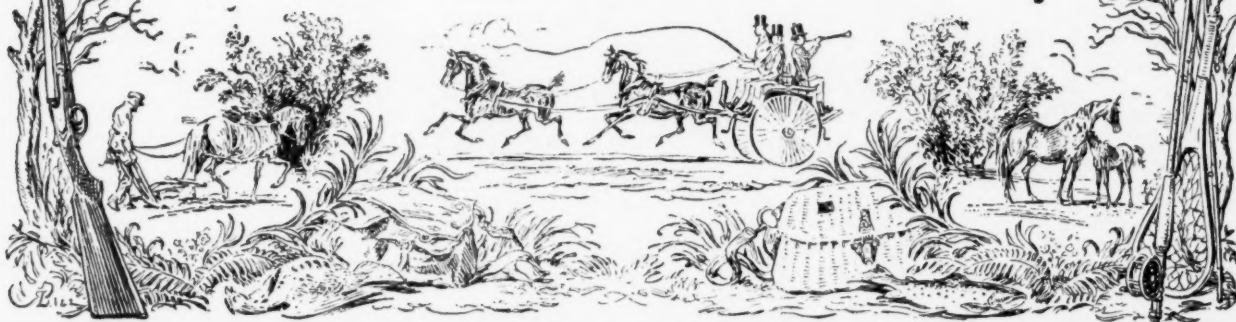
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### JOHN CARTER HAD A FARM

In the heart of a crack hunting country south of the Mason-Dixon Line John Carter had a farm. All around him were other farms which, during the past twenty years, had been bought up by northern fox-hunters. Their lands had been thoroughly manicured, the broomsedge eliminated, the brush and briars cut along streams and fence rows, the pedigreed cattle allowed to use the woodland for browse, shade and shelter until they had the appearance of an English park.

In the middle of this surrounding sea of grass John Carter's 500 acres lay like an island. As keen a foxhunter as his neighbors and as good a shot, he was quite a different sort of farmer. John Carter, although a bachelor, was a member of the principal county family. In the hall of the old red brick manor house hung the original Carter grant of 30,000 acres. With the help of Sam, his man Friday, who also acted as cook and valet, he kept a brace of pointers, three good hunters, 150 steers and 100 ewes, to say nothing of some game chickens and a terrier, which was always at his heels.

Although he spread as much lime and fertilizer as his neighbors Mr. John never seemed to do much fixing up. The livestock didn't mind, however. The willows along the creeks provided welcome shade when the cattle stood belly deep in water during the summer, while the brush-lined stone fences were the best of windbreaks in the winter. Somehow, whether prices were up or down, the farm managed to show a comfortable profit, enough to finance an annual summer pilgrimage to Saratoga and often more than the larger and more scientific operations of his neighbors.

Always a charming companion, John Carter's hospitality was proverbial, even in a land long noted for this quality. On his table was always one of Sam's matchless hams, in his hedgerows a profusion of quail and rabbits, in his coverts many a straight-necked fox which had made the entire district famous in the annals of foxhunting.

At length, to the sorrow of all who knew him, John Carter was gathered to his fathers. His heir was a nephew who fortunately (so it seemed) had amassed a sizeable fortune in town. It was not long before the old house resounded to the noise of carpenters and plumbers, Sam was elevated to a white coat and a position of authority, and the farm was as clean and as stripped of cover as its neighbors.

The new owner was intent on maintaining the family tradition for hospitality. Around the mahogany he equalled and perhaps surpassed his uncle John. But in the field he fell far short. Lacking cover, quail and rabbits had to move away. Although there were more meadow mice to eat, the foxes were constantly disturbed by cattle which crowded into the woods for the shade and shelter

no longer available along the creeks and fence rows. Eventually they too departed. The entire district, once a mecca for fox-hunters the country over, became known for long draws and infrequent finds.

This turn of events was quite as distressing to the new owner as to his neighbors. Together they formed a wildlife conservation association, together they learned that good farming and good game management go hand in hand, together restored and provided feed, cover and protection to an extent which restocked the district in a single season, not only the Carter farm, but also those which had not provided sport for many years. Towards all these meetings, pamphlets and activities old Sam maintained an approving if somewhat patronising attitude. As he put it "Mr. John know all about dat widout havin' to read no books."

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## Letters To The Editor

### "Jolly Good"

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed reading Lida Fleitmann Bloodgood's story about judging. Jolly good, as some of my friends would say. I once bought a horse from her called Bohemian Glass.

Sincerely yours,  
June Badger

### From Kathy Bloodhound

Dear Sir:

I received this in the mail from one of my old hounds that died in whelp. Maybe you can use it.

Happy New Year, see you in January.  
Ted Mohlman  
December 16, 0

T. A. Mohlman, M. F. H.  
Oak Brook, Illinois  
Deer Father

I hope you aren't forgotten me up hear I aren't forgotten you all there. Funny thing happen a few weeks past a funny looking lemen an wite houn showed up at the gates an wanted in. It happen I was staning gard an was tole not to let no houns in without askin Mr. Peter so you no that no one gets by me when I got orders like that there.

He said his name was AcRoBAT an came from Oak Brook which made me prick up my big ears so I went in an looked up his rekord an was it ever bad! Riots! Rabbits! Squirrels! Road runnin! Sneakin OFF! an a long list of things. Well he howled an cried an yelled an said he learned all them things at Lon Medow Hunt an besides he learned his lessin last time he Riot an sum car hit him dead. So I wait For Mr. St. Peter an give him good bild up and Mr. St. Peter say OK we give him try seein He from OAK BROOK an HE put him on a Little Cloud by heself to think Good thoughts. O by way I sent you 10 puppies yesterday. Hope you like them 5 girls—5 boys. Was I surprise wen I find AcRoBAT was father. He mus be sum good. I seen Guvnor last week he

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**BREEDING**

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**Racing**A SECTION  
DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS  
OF THE TURF**Racing Review****M. E. Affeld Entry Wins The Pelleteri Handicap  
At The Fair Grounds****Raleigh Burroughs**

On radio, in case you haven't tuned in for a long time, are two very funny gents named Bob and Ray. They are masters of satire, which to me is the funniest of all funny business. They satirize the home science program, the quiz show and the talent-scout operation. What sends me into stitches though are their "kits".

Send in, they tell you your name and address and the top of a 1955 Cadillac, and by return mail you will receive their Every-man's Surgical Kit, complete with nickel-plated scalpel, autographed sutures and 30 yards of genuine catgut. With this outfit, they explain, you will be able to take out your own appendix, without the bother of going to the hospital, or the embarrassment of trusting your appendix in the hands of physician who is a total stranger. Simple instructions, they add, are included.

Maybe you'd prefer their Simplicity Safe-Cracking Kit. If my memory serves me right, and there's no reason to believe that it should, with this you get a jimmy, cold chisel, fuses, a quantity of nitroglycerin and a bottle of fingerprint remover.

If you've never listened to Bob and Ray, find out which local station they're on and give 'em a whirl.

Bob and Ray, of course, don't expect anyone to be silly enough to try to take out his own appendix or to enter upon a career of safe cracking. It's all in fun.

There's nothing funny, though, about the Easy-Method Horse-Doping Course published in the January 31 issue of Life Magazine.

No crooked horseman should be without it.

The article is credited to a Dr. John McA. Kater, formerly with the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, formerly with Fordham University and is of a family that formerly raced trotting horses.

Accompanying the article is a beautiful still-life photo of the Easy-Method Doping Kit, labeled "Tools of the Doper." It shows several needles, bottles of calcium gluconate, Amfetazol, Metrazol, adrenaline and apomorphine. Life does not say whether the outfit may be purchased packaged, but almost any unscrupulous druggist will be happy to supply your needs.

With the kit and Dr. Kater's detailed instruction, you will be in business. He tells how to get most out of The Timid Horse, The Sluggish Horse and The Fast Quitter.

I particularly like the Double Jolt, as Dr. Kater explains it. Six hours before the race, you inject ten cc. of a 1-to-500 solution of adrenaline base into the horse's neck, then just before leaving for the paddock you jab in one cc. of five per cent Benzedrine solution.

This has a synergistic effect which causes the stable to wager heavily.

Dr. Kater says he loves racing so he must have written his article with the idea of correcting an evil. But isn't he going about it in a strange way? Would you try to break up counterfeiting by giving out detailed instructions for making money that looks exactly like the real thing? Wouldn't Uncle Sam's agents get a bit piqued with a gent who gave such lessons?

People who love racing more than Dr. Kater does, feel pretty sick about his article, and are just as disgusted with his literary effort as Kater was when unable to put over some of the ideas in what he had, as he says, such faith.

One of them, the New York Racing Commission according to chairman Mr. Ashley Cole, could have bought for \$4,000, and one maybe the same one—the Maryland Commission could have had for a paltry grand.

The sad thing about an article of this type is the headlines. Many people read only the black type and form their conclusions from that.

They don't go into the text and read Dr. Kater's Ellery Queen-like deductions as to how swamp fever spread.

It could have been a contaminated bucket, he admits, or it could have been a needle. "To my mind... the disease was at least in part spread by unsterilized doping needles."

In the next paragraph, he speaks of testosterone. "I doubt that it would actually help a gelding run a better race... but I am convinced (he is convinced) that a lot of racing people felt otherwise."

The doctor explains that the "spectrophotometer" test simplified the process of identifying Benzedrine, "so some of the nation's racing laboratories adopted it as their chief test, abandoning microscopic examinations, except to confirm spectrophotometer findings".

During this time, he says, "crooked trainers were free to go right back to the days before the 1933 raids, because the tests as then conducted were ineffective at detecting heroin or morphine."

Now did he, being smarter and more conscientious than the rest, make microscopic tests and discover heroin and morphine?

If he did, he neglected to mention it in his article. But, cutely, he gives the

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reader the impression that morphine and heroin are back and in use. But you can't sue him, because he doesn't say so.

Dr. Kater's effort would lead one to conclude that racing chemists are a blundering, incompetent lot. The mistakes they make, he generously concedes are "honest" ones. But who wants chemists that make mistakes?

Dr. Kater is the sole exception. From his Life story, you are convinced that it was Kater alone against the forces of evil and indifference. It was too much for one man, so he resigned. But, "Racing must get rid of the dope crooks if it is to survive," is his final word. It leaves you with the thought that somewhere in the fine, clear Kater mind the solution to the problem lies locked.

Anybody got \$4,000? All right, how about \$1,000, then.

**Santa Anita**

**The Santa Anita Maturity**, 8th running, 1 1/4 miles, 4-year-olds (January 29). Miz Clementine ran the race of her life and got to the finish line first but she lost the main end of the pot and the trophy because she bore out and bumped **Determine** in their bitter struggle through the stretch.

Andy Crevolin's little gray hoss was awarded the \$87,000 first money.

Miz Clementine was away well and tracked in behind Allied, stablemate of Determine, for three-quarters of a mile. As Allied tired she went into the lead and Arcaro guided her past the quarter pole a head before Determine. At the

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## Racing Review

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sixteenth mark, the filly came out and jarred her rival, then beat him to the wire by a neck. The Calumet entry of Miz Clementine and Duke's Lea was favored in the wagering.

Determine never was far back and ran a game race under his weight. He carried 126, the same as James Session, which finished third,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths behind the top two, and about the same distance before Allied, which ended up fourth.

Miz Clementine was under an impost of 117 pounds.

By \*Alibhai—Koubis, by \*Mahmoud, Determine was making his third 1955 start. He won the Malibu Sequet on January 1, and finished fourth in the San Fernando, after being knocked around in the running.

The money from the Maturity gives him \$106,400 for the month of January.

Last year he earned \$328,700 in 15 starts. He won 10 races was second in 3 and third in 2. Willie Molter trains him and Ray York rides.

Dr. Eslie Asbury bred the gray colt.

**The Flashco Handicap**, 1 mile, 4-year-olds and up (January 25). While the Flashco Handicap was not a stakes race, the field was good enough to give the event distinction, and some of the horses in it are likely to be prominent in the Santa Anita Handicap, so a word about it isn't out of place.

Imbros carried high weight of 130 pounds and showed himself to be in top form. He led all the way and won over Rejected by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. Rejected exhibited his typical closing rush by coming from last place to second in about a quarter of a mile. He nosed out Allied for the place.

Rejected carried 127.

Mark-Ye-Well, under 124, finished fourth, a length back of Allied, in an improved effort.

Imbros earned \$5,500 for Andrew J. Crevolin. It was the first start of 1955 for the son of Polynesian—Fire Falls, by \*Bull Dog. He brought in \$242,000 last season.

**The California Breeders' Champion** 16th running, 3-year-olds foaled in California 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles (January 26). Allen Drumheller, Sr., trains Guerrero for P. M. Strub, and Mr. Sullivan for P. A. Klipstein and he had them both in the California Breeders' Champion Stakes. When they were two-year-olds, which was less than four weeks previous to the Champion, the pair met in the Trial. In that event, at seven furlongs, Guerrero led nearly all the way, and Mr. Sullivan got up in the last few jumps to win by half a length.

In the mile-and-a-sixteenth Champion, Guerrero again set the pace, and again tired slightly at the finish, but this time he held on for a nose decision.

The race was between the two. Mighty King was nine lengths back, taking third place by a nose over Trackmaster.

The value to the winner was \$25,450 and gives the son of Fighting Don—Datura, by Eight Thirty, a '55 total of \$32,950. He shows 2 wins and a fourth in 3 starts.

He earned \$21,875, with 4 wins and 2 seconds in 9 starts last year. His only stakes victory in 1954 was in the Graduation at Del Mar.

Longden had the ride in the Champion Stakes.

Mr. Strub bred Guerrero.

### Hialeah

Royal Palm Handicap, 10th running, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles, 3-year-olds and up (January

29). Sea O Erin has run some disappointing races, but when things seem to suit him he does well enough to please anyone.

The slow track apparently was to his liking on January 29, and away he went. Off in front, the son of \*Shannon II—\*Chantress, by Hyperion never was headed. Ram o'War almost got to him at the eighth pole but Sea O Erin drew out again and won by three lengths. Kenny Church rode the Hasty House Farm colt.

Immense took third money, a length behind Ram o'War and four ahead of Helfast.

The S. Rich entry of Varsity and Helianthus, was favored, but didn't get any part of the money. Helianthus raced in second place for about half the trip and then dropped back to sixth. Varsity finished fifth.

Sea O Erin was making his fourth 1955 start; he got third money in the Robert E. Lee, so with the \$12,600 from the Royal Palm he has earned \$14,100.

In 1954 he brought in \$63,227, as a result of 4 wins, 3 seconds and 4 thirds in 21 tries.

Harry Trotsek trains for Hasty House. Miss Margaret Woolwine bred Sea O Erin.

**Palm Beach Handicap**, 13th running, 7 furlongs, 3-year-olds and up (January 26). As Maurice Sims' **Blessful** had galloped to a record-making six-furlong score in his last start, Hialeah fans were willing to bet he could repeat at seven-eighths. He became the luke-warm favorite at 2:45 to 1 and again registered in facile fashion.

Social Outcast, making his first start since November 13, when he won the Gallant Fox at Jamaica, was second over Brookmeade's Capeador by three-quarters of a length. County Clare, also representing Brookmeade was fourth.

County Clare offered most resistance in the early furlongs, leading for awhile, and hanging on into the stretch before he tired.

Social Outcast was running last in the field of 14 with half a mile to go and had only two horses beaten a quarter of a mile out, but Guerin brought him

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## Twelve Stallions Slated To Enter The Stud This Spring In California

Frank Talmadge Phelps

Two sons of \*Alibhai, Ali's Gem and Gold Capitol, feature the list of a dozen new stallions whose retirement to stud in California has been announced.

Second on the 1954 sire list, \*Alibhai has long been a California favorite. This is quite understandable, since it was Louis B. Mayer who imported the son of Hyperion and gave him a chance at stud after he had broken down in training before he ever got to the races. \*Alibhai continued to stand in the Golden state until his sale to a Kentucky breeding syndicate for \$500,000, then a record price for a horse in the United States. And most of his get, which have included such stars as War Allies, Cover Up, The Dude, On Trust, Solidarity, Your Host, Special Touch, Trusting and Determine, raced in the West.

W-L Ranch Co.'s home-bred Ali's Gem was unplaced only five times in 14 starts at two and three. Among his half a dozen wins were the Salinas, Sequoia, Golden State Breeders' and Cinema Handicap. In the Sequoia, he set a new Tanforan track record of 1:50 for 1 1/4 miles under 117 pounds. As a four-

year-old of 1954, he ran second to Stranglehold in the Santa Catalina Handicap.

A miler who could go nine furlongs on occasion, Ali's Gem is out of the Blue Larkspur mare Bav.

The bay stallion stands at W-L Ranch, the Woodland Hills farm of his owner-breeder, Harry M. Warner, at a private stud fee for approved mares only.

Mrs. Nat Goldstone's Gold Capitol, the other new stallion by \*Alibhai, collected \$163,870 in four racing seasons. Chief of his nine victories were the Startlet and California Breeders' Champion Stakes, and Peter Clark Handicap. He ran second to Intent in the Santa Anita Maturity as a four-year-old of 1952. A bad tendon troubled Gold Capitol at times during his active career and finally ended it.

A private purchase for a reported \$15,000 from Webb Everett, he is a half brother to Double Speed, the unbeaten 1953 juvenile star of California. The dam, Pocket Edition, is a half sister, by Roman, to the Walter Connolly Handicap winner Shuffle; to the jumper Mon-

key Wrench, victor in the International Gold Cup; to the brilliant Oil Capitol, earner of \$580,756 from 14 stakes triumphs; and to Cigar Maid, who took the Fashion and the filly division of the National Stallion Stakes. Gold Capitol's second and third dams were both stakes mares in France.

The little chestnut Gold Capitol, who strikes the measuring stick at 15.1 1/2, stands at Dr. Frank Porter Miller's Sunny Slope Ranch, Riverside, at a fee of \$1,000 live foal.

Sunny Slope has another new stallion in the Irish-bred \*Cliffwood, who never raced due to a training accident. Also grandson of Hyperion, this four-year-old gray stallion is by His Highness—Dutch Lane, by Donatello II.

He stands at a free stud fee, but mares must be approved.

Another former Mayer stallion, \*Bernborough, is represented among the new California stallions by the syndicated Bernwood, who set a new Washington Park record of 1:33 4/5 in the Sheridan Mile under 116 pounds. He also displayed class at two and five, placing in the Washington Park Futurity and Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes in the former season, and showing in the San Diego and Del Mar Handicaps in the latter.

He gained the most important of his nine triumphs for his breeder, Brownell Combs.

The great Australian runner \*Bern—  
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**OCCUPY** retired to the stud in 1947. Since then four crops of foals have raced (excluding 1954 2-year-olds) and of 59 foals, 56 have raced, and 49 have been winners, including eight of stakes class. This is a standout record.

Occupy was represented in 1954 with 31 winners, including two stakes winners and another to place in stakes. Outstanding was the excellent stakes mare CINDA. She won the Rumson Handicap, 2nd in Regret and Mermaid Handicaps, and was winning stakes for the third straight year. Occupy was also sire of the Detroit stakes winner Color Guard, winner of the Boots and Saddle Handicap, and of Outsmart, second in the Correction Handicap.

Occupy had previously sired HOME-MADE, winner stakes at 2 and 3, including National Stallion S., Astoria S., Vagrancy and Comely Handicaps; of PENOC, winner Fort McHenry H., CINDA which earlier had won Cherry Blossom S., Colonial H., Betsy Ross S., Regret H. (twice), etc., and COLOR GUARD, winner in 1953 of Randall Park H.

In 1953 Occupy was represented by four stakes winners—led all Eastern sires.

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## Stallions to Stud

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borough, Bernwood's sire, won 18 stakes in his native land, the last 15 consecutively under top weights up to 151 lbs. Among his offspring have been such standouts as Brush Burn, High Scud, Gainsboro Girl, First Aid and Berseem.

Bernwood is a half brother to the able fillies Sequence, victor in the Princess Pat Stakes; and Bella Figura, captor of the Modesty Handicap. The dam, Miss Dogwood, took the Keeneland Special Event, Kentucky Oaks, Phoenix and Steger Handicaps during her own racing career. She is a three-quarters sister, by \*Bull Dog, to another fine race mare, Durazna (by \*Bull Dog's son Bull Lea), who triumphed in the Prairie State Stakes, Breeders' Futurity, Hawthorne Juvenile, Clang and Beverly Handicaps, and a division of the Sheridan. Miss Dogwood is also a half sister to Crepe Myrtle dam of the juvenile filly champion Myrtle Charm, who in turn produced the good 1954 two-year-old miss Myrtle's Jet.

The dark bay seven-year-old Bernwood stands at Charlie T. Leavitt's Seven Seas Ranch, Chino.

Another Chino stud farm, Steve Hammond's Greenacres Stud Farm, also has a new stallion, John B. Allison's Irish-bred \*Mafoskin, a non-winner who did not race in the U. S.

This five-year-old chestnut stallion is a son of Ballyogan, sire of the English 2,000 Guineas victor Ki Ming and the Hungarian classic filly Chitralekha.

\*Mafoskin's dam, Breide, is a half sister, by Panorama, to the good stallion \*Mafosta, the sensationally fast \$146,640 earner who also triumphed in stakes in

Ireland before he crossed the Atlantic Ocean. In the U. S., he annexed the Longacres Speed, Election Day, Macy's Spring Fashion, San Jose, Hayward Morrison, San Mateo and Bay Meadows Handicaps. \*Mafoskin's second dam, Slap and Tickle, accounted for the Novice Stakes, Waterbeach Handicap and two runnings of the Scurry in the British Isles.

Two more new California stallions, May Reward and Sudan, stand at Santa Ana stud farms.

May Reward accumulated 23 wins and \$157,810 in seven racing seasons—a record that speaks well for his toughness. He was at his best, however, during his first two years at the track, when he annexed the Primer and San Felipe Stakes, and California Derby.

He did his most important racing for Norman W. Church, who bought him for \$10,000 from Cave Spring Farm at the 1946 Keeneland Yearling Sales.

May Reward's sire, Reaping Reward, accounted for the United States Hotel and Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes, New England Futurity and Latonia Derby. Among his offspring are such good runners as Quick Reward, Eternal Reward, Star Reward and Sheilas Reward.

At home over any type of track at distance up to 1½ miles, May Reward is out of the \*Twink mare Bona Via.

The black stallion stands at Lloyd F. Brogan's Santa Ana ranch at private treaty.

Sudan, the other new stallion located near Santa Ana, stands at Cliffford Mooers' Kim Mead Farm at a stud fee of \$500.

This bay stallion won five races in four racing seasons. His best year was 1951, when, as a four-year-old, he ran second to All Blue in the San Antonio

Handicap; and finished third in the Santa Anita, New York and Washington, the latter in a dead-heat with Seaward.

\*Jacopo, Sudan's sire, headed the Free Handicap in England; and got a host of stakes victors in the U. S.

Sudan's dam is the Percentage mare Mo.

The popular \*Nasrullah is represented among the new California stallions by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Goemans' Irish-bred \*Curragh King, who did all his racing in the U. S. Unplaced in his only start as a two-year-old of 1952, he improved sufficiently during his next two seasons, even though his activities were hampered by tendon trouble, to take the Arkansas Derby, and Argonaut and Lakes and Flowers Handicaps. In the Lakes and Flowers, he set a new Hollywood Park record of 1:21½ for seven furlongs under 107 pounds.

At the Dublin Yearling Sales, the Anglo-Irish Agency bought him for 4,600 guineas from A. P. Reynolds.

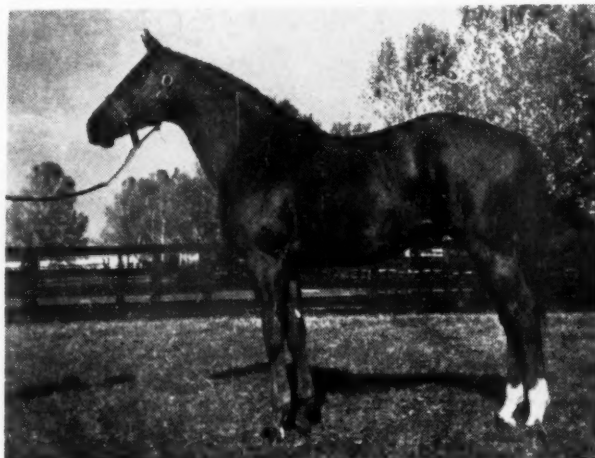
\*Curragh King's sire, \*Nurullah, was the sensation of the American breeding worked in 1954, when his first American crop set a new juvenile earnings record. Nashua and Delta were the heaviest contributors to that record. Of course, \*Nasrullah had previously been represented in this country by the brilliant handicapper \*Noor. Captor of five stakes in England himself, \*Nasrullah led the English sire list in 1951 and has ranked second each season since then. He has sired five classic winners in England and Ireland, the American-foaled Never Say Die among them.

At his best at distances not over a furlong either way from a mile, \*Curragh King is out of the Sol Oriens mare Early Sunrise. The second dam, Carlia, Continued On Page 29

## \*JOHN CONSTABLE

By the country's leading sire of 2-year-olds  
Out of the dam of the leading English  
filly Musidora

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(Bowie Photo)

Mrs. M. duPont Scott's Montpelier home-bred Saratoga, by \*Blenheim II—\*Shipshape II, by Blue Peter, winning the Bowie Endurance Gold Cup Stakes last season.

## Who Is The Dark Horse In Hialeah's Two 1955 \$100,000 Classics?

Up until now, all the talk about Hialeah's two \$100,000 classics—the Flamingo and Widener—has concerned big name horses like Nashua, Summer Tan, Social Outcast, Determine and others including imported stars. But soon the question will arise:

Who is the dark horse in these big Hialeah races with a chance to hit the national headlines this winter?

Which appeals more to the American racing fan—the odds-on favorite or the longshot outsider? You've often heard one remark: "Sure, I like to see great horses run; the Native Dancers, Citations and such. But who wants to bet his deuce, or whatever, on a horse at 1 to 2 or less? Me, I like to stab at something to knock down the standout favorite."

At Hialeah now are such eminent Flamingo hopefuls as Nashua, 1954 juvenile king; Summer Tan, richest two-year-old last year; Boston Doge, Pride of New England, and others of proven ability including some imported aces. Older nominees for the Widener are headed by renowned campaigners like Social Outcast, Helioscope, Determine, Hasty Road and others of high reputation, American and foreign stars.

The dark horse of the 1955 Flamingo, major prep for the Triple Crown events, might well be a brown colt named Saratoga, who sports the Montpelier silks of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott. Loaded with speed, the homebred flyer won a pair of mile-and-a-sixteenth stakes as a juvenile—the Bowie Endurance Gold Cup and Spalding Lowe Jenkins.

And here's a tip from veteran trainer Frank Bonsal, who has had some good ones: "Saratoga is the best horse I've ever trained!" That's strong recommendation.

No one who saw the 1954 Widener will forget James Cox Brady's Landlocked, rank outsider of 14 starters, running head-and-head all the way with Quiet Step and winning a photo duel at \$70 for two—a record Widener payoff. Jockey John Heckmann flew over from New Orleans with 13 cents in his pocket on arrival, to ride the almost neglected Landlocked. John got 10 per cent of the \$102,200 winner's share!

Well, lightning might strike twice. The same stable recently shipped Artis-

mo, a topnotcher at two and a stakes winner last year, down from Aiken, S. C., to point for the Widener—and trainer Bobby Dotter says he'll be after jockey Heckmann to come over from New Orleans again to pilot Artismo.

Of 26 past Flamingo winners, 16 were favorites. Three won at odds-on: Citation, \$2.40; Brevity, \$2.50, and Oil Capitol, \$3.90. The greatest upset came in 1937 when a gray ghost named Court Scandal shot "out of the clouds" to win by a head and pay \$93.70. In 17 Wideners six public choices clicked, including Coaltown at the lowest possible legal return of \$2.10 for two, or 1 to 20.

But the racing fans are more likely to

remember Landlocked, who shipped down from Aiken like stablemate Artismo, and the record Widener payoff he barely produced.

— E. A. C.

## Pomona Sale Average Up \$191—Top Price \$26,000 For 2-Year-Old

California's annual winter sale of Thoroughbreds of all ages at Pomona on Janary 10, ended with the lot averaging \$1,853, up some \$191 over last year. The 156 head which passed through the sales ring commanded \$289,150.

Top priced of the vendue was the 2-year-old Princess Abbey, handsome chestnut filly by \*Kings Abbey—Gold Salute, by \*Alibhai from the Naylor and Sons consignment, at \$26,000. Mrs. Ann Peppers was the successful bidder on this full sister to the good California stakes winner Golden Abbey.

Next high of the sale was the \$14,000 which A. E. Silver gave for Naylor and Sons' Scarlet Abbet by \*Kings Abbey a half-sister to the stakes winner Blue Trumpeter. The dam is the Blue Larkspur matron, Bright Lining, a sister to the top stakes mare Bazaar, dam of stakes winner and sire Best Seller.

E. M. Goemans paid the 3rd high of the day when he bid \$11,500 for Argeland, from the same consignment. Argeland, is a 2-year-old son of \*Calstone—\*Rosa Fresca, by Moscato.

The 15 Naylor Thoroughbreds, which turned 2-year-olds on January 1, 1955, went for \$107,600, averaging \$7,173. The averages for the sale were: 64 2-year-olds \$2,511; 26 yearlings \$1,213; 49 Broodmares, \$1,644; two stallions \$1,775; and 15 race horses, \$850.

Angus MacOatmeal, famous Scotch sportsman, golfer and race track tout, always said—"I always give a short price on a well bred horse. It doesn't pay to bet against them. Breed to the best".

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## Midwest Hunt Race Assn. Holds Annual Meeting To Perfect Plans for 1955

About 75 supporters of the various meetings along the Midwest Hunt Race Association circuit met on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Nashville's Belle Meade Country Club to put finishing touches on plans for the 1955 season. If a conservative digest can be made of the small talk which ran about the gathering, indications are that the 1955 season will be one of the best since the circuit was organized in 1950.

The schedule for the coming season starts with the Iroquois Hunt Club's Point to Point, to be held in the Grimes Mill country, near Lexington, Ky., on March 26. Following this by a week comes the Camargo Hunt's Point to Point, near Cincinnati. While these are not full-scale race meetings, their importance to the circuit is as great as any of the subsequent events, since they play an important part in the development of timber horses, and of young riders.

Also falling on April 2 is the Springdale meeting, reported by South Carolinians as the South's greatest one-day picnic. Here the Midwest Circuit has a share of the interest, since one of the races in the card is the Midwest Hurdle Purse, for horses owned by sportsmen who have supported the circuit in years past.

Following this, at a two-week interval, will be the first all-Midwest meeting, at Tryon, N. C. Here, according to report, in addition to seeing the usual excellent brand of racing, witnesses will be able to find out what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, or vice versa, since an effort is being made to get both these dignitaries on hand. As every cub reporter should know by now, Tryon's Blockhouse Course runs through both states, which gives both governors ample reason to be on hand.

With another two-week interval, which puts the date at April 30, comes the youngest but by no means the least finished of the Midwest meetings. This is the Oak Grove meeting, at Germantown, a few miles north of Memphis. This will be the third annual running of the function. According to Robert E. L. Wilson III, president of the local association, there has been further alteration of the course to produce smooth running and jumping. Also, to stimulate interest in timber horses, purses for timber and hurdle events will be brought more nearly equal.

Nashville's Iroquois Memorial and other races, to be held on May 14, will present its usual finished operation for customers and competitors. The courses are wintering well, and indications are for the usual high-class operation by management.

May 28 will find followers of the circuit lining up for the several events at the Oxmoor meeting, held in the Bullitt estate, near Louisville. Last year's meeting was voted the best yet at Oxmoor, the coming festivities should be even better, at least from a spectator standpoint, since stands and course have been rearranged so that the customers can now see all of the racing without executing an about-face during the running of each race.

Final full meeting of the Midwest is

scheduled for June 11. This will be over the Royalton Course, in or about Zionsville, of which for the day, at least, Indianapolis is a suburb. There have been some improvements to this course; still being made, there seems to be assurance of one of Royalton's better meetings.

Final Midwest function of any kind is the appearance of selected horses in the Arlington Park Hurdle Stakes, to be run as part of that track's regular card on June 24. Entries for this event close on April 18. They must be made by individual owners or trainers direct to the track. Starters will be chosen from among those horses who have competed in at least two races in the Midwest Circuit for the current year, and will be limited to 12. This is an increase of two over previous years.

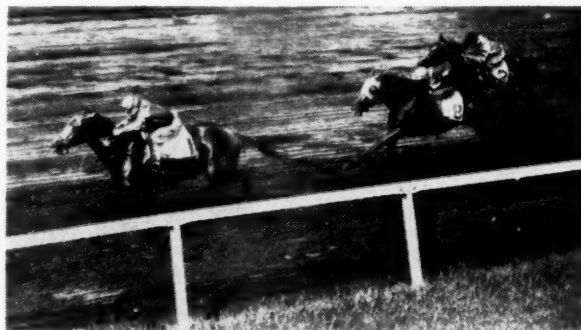
Besides the increase in the allowed

number of starters, the Hurdle Stakes purse has now been increased to \$4000. added.

In addition to announcing the schedule just quoted, Dr. John B. Youmans, president of the Association, announced the appointment of Col. Earl F. Thomson, U. S. retired, as starter for Midwest meetings where requested by local managements. Col. Thomson, recently retired now lives in Nashville. Albert Menefee, Jr., who formerly rode at meetings in the circuit, was announced as Clerk of the Scales.

Following the showing of the patrol film of the 1954 Arlington Park Hurdle Stakes, pictures of all phases of the Olympic Three-Day Trials and a short film on the 1954 Iroquois races, the meeting adjourned to await the drop of the starter's flag later in the spring.

## Standing At Dunvegan Farm



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the brilliant son of Stagehand won or placed in stakes from 6½ furlongs to 1½ miles, being equally at home in fast or heavy going.

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won the ¾ mile Myrtlewood Handicap (beating Carrara Marble, Fervent, Royal Blood, etc.), 1 mile Hollister Classified Handicap (beating Auditing, Mr. Trouble, Big If, etc.), 7/8 mile Princequillo Classified Handicap (beating Charleston, Nullify, Ruddy, Three Rings, etc.), ¾ mile Columbus Day Handicap, 2nd: 6½ furlongs Edward J. Fleming Memorial Handicap (to Lextown, beating Ol' Skipper, Gangway, Wisconsin Boy, Seaward), 3rd: Equipose Mile (to Oil Capitol, Shy Guy, beating Fervent, Curandero, Volcanic, Provocative, Ky. Colonel).

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## The Clubhouse Turn



### Monmouth Park in the Community

Thoroughbred racing in 1954 maintained its position as the leading sports spectator attraction in the United States. More than 30 million persons attended tracks throughout this country and wagered more than two billion dollars on the runners. As a result the largest revenue ever realized from the turf sport accrued to states, counties and municipalities last year.

Yes, racing has become an important factor in state and community economy. A case in point is what has happened in New Jersey's seashore resort area since Monmouth Park opened its gates in 1946 to become a substantial part of America's No. 1 spectator sport.

According to statistics spectacular things have occurred. During 1954 there were more than three million persons in the Monmouth County seashore colony during the height of the summer vacation season when Monmouth Park was open. Compare this figure with the winter resident population of 300,000. This increased population of summer vacationers come to the shore with the means to satisfy their desires for fun and pleasure. In 1954 almost a million of them enjoyed the thrills of fine racing at Monmouth Park's modern Thoroughbred center.

These vacationers are attracted to the seashore resort areas by the superb climate, comfortable hotel accommodations fine ocean bathing, golf, night life and the action at its sporting best to be found each afternoon at Monmouth Park.

The racing industry itself brings to Monmouth County, particularly the communities of Oceanport, Red Bank, Asbury Park and Long Branch, several thousand persons—owners, trainers, jockeys, officials, exercise boys are all included in this group. Monmouth Park itself creates a local payroll for more than 2,500 employees. These for the most part bring their families who patronize local hotels, summer homes, lodging houses, restaurants, movies, laundries, gas stations, retail merchants, and countless other Monmouth County Businesses. All of this is tangible evidence of the seashore racing oval's place of leadership in the everyday life of many communities along the Jersey Coast.

Daily, during Monmouth Park's summer meeting, thousands of words bear-

ing a New Jersey dateline are filled by dozens of newspapermen to their papers everywhere in the United States. Monmouth Park and the New Jersey shore are one and the same—they share their fame together.

Another important side of the picture is the extent to which the State of New Jersey too has benefited. Monmouth Park has contributed \$37,513,318 over a nine-year period in pari-mutuel tax revenue. In addition a substantial sum in property and license taxes is paid each year to all levels of state and municipal government. A large share of this money reverts to the shore area in the form of state services and payrolls. Without race track revenue the State would, by necessity, have to look to its citizens to provide this money. This would mean raising the prevailing taxes or creating new additional taxes.

Yes, spectacular things of benefit to the people of New Jersey have occurred since Monmouth Park became a part of the state and Community economy.

—G. Backer Seeley



(Hialeah Photo)

Making it 7 straight Paul Andolino's Boston Doge won the Hibiscus Stakes at Hialeah, by 3½ lengths over Ella K. Bryson's Kinda Smart and Eugene Constantin, Jr.'s Amber's Folly. The son of The Doge—Boston Lady, by Isolater went the 6 furlongs in 1:10½, turning back a field of 13 other 3-year-olds.

### Racing Hall of Fame

Thoroughbred racing is to have its Hall of Fame and it is to be housed in the new building of the National Museum of Racing now under construction in Saratoga Springs, New York.

This announcement was made January 22nd by Walter M. Jeffords, President of the Museum following a meeting of the Board of Trustees held in New York City. This meeting adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the National Museum of Racing create and be custodian of racing's Hall of Fame and its president be empowered to appoint a committee whose duties it will be to recommend to the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Racing, ways and means of selecting candidates.

Mr. Jeffords announced that he would

proceed immediately to the naming of the committee of which he will be an ex officio member. "Work on the new building is proceeding as we had hoped it would, so that we have every expectation of having it open by the time that racing returns to Saratoga on the first of August. I shall proceed at once with the naming of this Hall of Fame committee because we, very naturally, want to be ready with this vital part of the Museum when we open the doors of its new home."

It is the plan, at present, of the Museum trustees to commission the painting of portraits of those elected to the Hall of Fame. These will be housed in a special section of the new Museum structure.

### Young Appointed Ak-Sar-Ben Steward

Jack S. Young, Steward for the Kentucky State Racing Commission, has been appointed Steward at Ak-Sar-Ben. A son of the late Colonel Milton Young, whose McGrathiana at Lexington, Ky., was one of the most famous breeding

farms of its day, Mr. Young has been associated with horses nearly all his life. He will take over his new post after the Churchill Downs spring meet.

### Hertzes Donate Hospital Air Conditioning

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hertz, owners of Stoner Creek Stud, Paris, Ky., donated over \$15,000 to install air conditioning on two floors of the Bourbon County Hospital at Paris.

### Bobby Permane

Jockey Bobby Permane feels that he has lived the last six years on borrowed time and he is quite grateful for what he is getting out of life these days, no matter how little.

For back in 1949, the plucky little saddlesmith suffered a spill that resulted in a broken leg and an eventual infection that had his life in balance for more

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## The Clubhouse Turn

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than fifteen months. To keep breathing was his only concern. He had little hope of ever returning to his profession.

But Bobby fully recovered and he has been doing well since he hit the comeback trail. Presently he is among the leading jockeys at the Fair Grounds. This is his first trip to New Orleans and he is nappy to be here.

He has ridden with a degree of success, and on occasions he has bordered on the fabulous, at Santa Anita, Hialeah Park and all of the other winter tracks. He also has more than held his own against Eddie Arcaro, Ted Atkinson and Eric Guerin on the Metropolitan circuit in New York.

Bobby is 31 years old. He was born at Camden, N. J. but was reared in Milford, Mass. His parents were in vaudeville and he inherited a great deal of entertaining talent. However, he wasn't good enough to make a living in front of the lights and he was too small to do much of anything else. So he went with the races and he has been there since.

During his days as an apprentice, he established an all-time record by riding fifteen winners in three days at Tropical Park, piloting five on each program. It seemed that he would clinch riding honors of the country that year, but one of two spills that seriously threatened his career cut short this bid.

Permane has ridden many of the greatest horses of the country, not the least of whom was Mrs. Ethel D. Jacobs' gallant stretch runner, Stymie. On that stout router, Bobby emerged victorious in no less than 13 valuable stakes. He also has ridden Knockdown to victory in the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby and he rode Cover Up when he accounted for the \$100,000 added Hollywood Gold Cup.

At the Fair Grounds he is the first string jockey for Elmer Kalensky, who presently is battling for both his life and the lead in the trainers' race at the Fair Grounds. Kalensky recently was taken down with a heart attack and he is confined to the Mercy Hospital. When Bobby was hospitalized for so long, he fell in love with his nurse and they were married. Mary is his greatest booster and rooter.

Permane is something of a "hoop-de-do" rider. He isn't given to sitting too still, but he has few peers in hustling a thoroughbred out of the gate and bootin' and scootin' in a hard stretch drive.

— Teddy Cox

### Ellis Sees Own Record-Setter

Jim Ellis, owner of Ellis Park (formerly Dade Park) and of a breeding farm at Owensboro, Ky., was on hand for opening day Sunshine Park to watch his own Raging Tide break the 5½-furlong track record with a 1:04½ performance worth \$23.40 in the mutuels.

### Dove Hunters

The first cases of a group of 25 Central Kentuckians including several horsemen, accused of hunting doves over a baited field came up in U. S. District Court at Lexington last week.

George Swinebroad, Lexington auctioneer, was acquitted of the charge, which resulted from a hunting trip on Julian Walden's farm near Midway last September 1.

The jury was unable to agree on a verdict in the case of Hiram Nuckols, one of the brothers who operate Hurstland Farm, Midway.

Two other members of the group, both non-horsemen, entered pleas of nolo contendere and accepted fines of \$50 and costs each.

The remaining 21 have, like Messrs. Swinebroad and Nuckols, entered pleas of not guilty. Their defense, to judge from the two cases already brought to trial, seems to rest chiefly on the contention that wheat found in the field over which they are accused of hunting was there as a result of sound farming practices and not as a result of attempting to attract doves.

### Mrs. Wilkins Reaches Lawrenceburg

Mrs. Annie Mable Wilkins reached Lawrenceburg, Ky., last week on her horseback trip from Maine to California. It marked the 1,000-mile point on her cross-country ride.

She reported that her horse, Tarzan, gave her a little trouble on the way from Lexington to Lawrenceburg. Ordinarily the largest truck does not faze "Tarz," but he took a decided dislike to the huge

vehicles used to haul hogsheads of tobacco in Central Kentucky. He also balked at the spectacular Tyrone Bridge over the Kentucky River, and Mrs. Wilkins had to lead him across.

### Combs Re-Elected to Club Board

Leslie Combs II, owner of Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky., has been re-elected a member of the Board of Governors of the Idle Hour Country Club, Lexington.

### Whitney Bulls Take Western Prize

A carload of 15 yearling Aberdeen-Angus bulls from C. V. Whitney's farm, Lexington, Ky., took the carload grand championship last week at the National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo.

— Frank Talmadge Phelps

# TUSCANY

Bay, 1948

The Rhymer—Roman Matron,

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**1955 FEE: \$750 LIVE FOAL**

Payable October 1, unless mare is barren

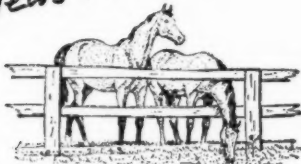
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## News From the Studs



### —KENTUCKY— Boston Lady

Boston Lady, dam of the undefeated Boston Doge, recent winner of the \$15,000-added Hibiscus Stakes at Hialeah Park, is expecting a foal by Air Sailor at E. Gay Drake's Mineola Farm, Lexington. Mr. Drake bought the daughter of \*Isolater out of the Maplewood Handicap victor Lady Bewithus privately in 1953 from Boston Doge's owner-breeder, Paul Andolino, for less than \$10,000; and later sold a half interest in her to Ray Soussley.

### Sir Pennant to Canada

A. F. Wall, owner of Lismore Farm, Lexington, has sold the stallion Sir Pennant, sire of I Appeal, to Robert Wales of Canada. The son of \*Bull Dog—Piety, by Pennant, will stand the 1955 stud season at John Loughry's Maryvale Farm, Scarboro Junction, Ont.

### Arise Dies

The young stallion Arise, whose first foals are now yearlings, died suddenly last week in his stall at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris. Autopsy revealed a ruptured blood vessel near the heart, apparently the result of a blood-worm aneurism.

Bred by R. W. Wood, the nine-year-old

Arise was purchased privately by W. J. Addison's Addison Stable. The half brother, by He Did, to Baybrook won the Travers Stakes, Canadian Championship, Excelsior, American Legion, Fall High-weight, Carter and Monmouth Handicaps; and dead-heated with Bryan G. in the Questionnaire. He earned \$199,990 from 19 victories, eight places and a dozen shows in 51 starts, during which he was out of the money only a dozen times.

### Charlie McAdam's First

Charlie McAdam's first foal, a chestnut half brother to Pep Well and Whirl Some, was dropped recently by the Stimulus mare Some Pomp at Caddis F. Morris's Hamburg Place, Lexington, where the son of \*Heliopolis—Gumdrop, by \*Pharamond II, stands.

Now owned by Mr. Morris and John C. Clark, Charlie McAdam won divisions of the 1952 Flamingo and Swift Stakes for Mr. Clark before leg trouble ended his racing career.

### Bull Brier to Florida

Mrs. B. F. Lister has sold her stallion Bull Brier, sire of the recent Jasmine Stakes winner Menelone, to W. E. Leach's Dickey Stable, Ocala, Fla., where the son of \*Bull Dog—Rose Eternal, by Eternal, will make the 1955 stud season. He had been standing at W. Rhodes Estill's Elmwood Farm, Lexington, Ky.

— Frank Talmadge Phelps

### Whitney Juveniles

The 18 newly turned two-year-olds in the stable of C. V. Whitney, whose breeding farm is located at Lexington, Ky., include two colts and a filly by Phalanx; a son and two daughters of both \*Mahmoud and \*Priam II; a colt and filly by Mount Marcy; sons of Eight Thirty, \*Goya II, Pavot and Stymie; and

daughters of \*Noor, Revoked and War Admiral.

Among the Whitney juveniles are High Tor, brown half brother, by Pavot, to Quarter Pole; Nasomie, chestnut colt by Stymie—Nasophar, the Delaware Oaks winner; Brown Baby, gray full sister to Fisherman; Dawn Fleet, bay half sister, by \*Noor, to Cold Command; Gun Fly, roan filly by War Admiral—Mother, victor in the Betsy Ross Stakes and Queen Isabella Handicap; and All Honors, bay three-quarters sister, by Mount Marcy, to Mr. Trouble and half sister to Small World.

### —WYOMING— Aloha Moon

In our recent Roster of Sires of Stakes Winners (January 14th issue) the whereabouts of the stallion Aloha Moon were reported as unknown. K. M. Schiffer, Sheridan, Wyoming reports that the son of Moonraker—Aloha Oe, by \*Bomba is now 25 years old but is in excellent shape and was bred to 5 or 6 mares. Aloha Moon is standing at the William Gardner Ranch at Sheridan.



### —VIRGINIA— Gay Poppy

Mrs. C. P. Benedict's broodmare Gay Poppy, by Unbreakable—Yellow Poppy, by Man o'War foaled a chestnut filly by Phalanx on January 24th at Taylor Hardin's Newstead Farm, Upperville, Virginia. The unraced Gay Poppy, a half-sister to the stakes winner War Poppy and to the Handicap winner Half Caste, has been booked to \*Beau Gem.

## Standing at THE MEADOW in Virginia

### PRINCE SIMON

England's champion  
3-year-old of 1950

Prince Simon was weighted at top of English 3-year-old Free Handicap in 1950 at 133 lbs., 7 pounds above the next horse. Great closing rushes in both the 2,000 Guineas and Derby saw him miss catching the leaders by a head in record and near record times, respectively. From 3 2-year-old starters in 1954, three have won.

B., 1947, \*Princequillo—Dancing Dora, by \*Sir Gallahad III.

Fee \$500

### BRYAN G.

2nd greatest money winner  
by \*Blenheim II at stud in U. S.

Bryan G. is \*Blenheim II's second greatest money winning son now at stud in America. He won \$165,625, including the Pimlico Special, Westchester H., Questionnaire H., Aqueduct H. (twice), etc. He was rated at 122 lbs. on The Blood-Horse Handicap of 1951 just below Hill Prince, Citation, and Palestinian. Entered the stud in 1954.

Ch., 1947, by \*Blenheim II—Anthemion, by Pompey.

Fee \$500

### BOSSUET

Sire of 30 winners from  
32 starters, 35 foals

This sire has done remarkably well with only limited opportunities. Measuring price against results he is the "buy" of the year in the East. Bossuet has sired 35 foals, 32 have started, and 30 have won. His winners have averaged 5.6 wins each. . . and Bossuet has had out stakes winners during each of the past three seasons—and all at major tracks.

Dk. b., 1940, by \*Boswell—\*Vibration II, by Sir Cosmo

Fee \$350

All fees are due and payable on November 1, 1955 in lieu of veterinary certificate if mare is barren.

Standing at C. T. Chenery's

## THE MEADOW

Inquiries to L. L. Hunter, Manager, The Meadow, Doswell, Virginia. Phone Dawn 2344.



## The Chronicle Offices

(Photos by Rhoden)



(Grasty &amp; Co. Photo)

The building as it looked before alteration.



The building after alteration, taken at approximately the same angle as the first photo.



Rear entrance and view showing ground floor offices.



Publisher's office.



Editor's office.



(Left)—The reception hall. (Center)—The advertising manager's office. The portrait, by Edward Chase, is of the late Gerald B. Webb, Jr., one of the founders of The Chronicle, on Easy Mark. (Right)—The racing library and editorial office.

## *A Sporting Journal's New Headquarters*

On June 1, 1953 The Chronicle moved its editorial offices to the Main Street of the town of Middleburg, about a block and a half away from the site of the old quarters. The building is known as the old Duffey house and has as much history connected with it as the Colonial cottage in which the editorial offices were located since November of 1937.

If the wall of the old Colonial cottage, which was known as Bishop's house, could talk, many an interesting tale could be recorded. It is told that long before John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry (1859) that the occupant of the cottage was in the business of finishing guns which were manufactured at Harper's Ferry, and carried overland by wagon to his busy shop. Here the guns were rifled and assembled and it is said that many of the Bishop guns were later found on southern battlefields.

By a strange destiny this same building became the bailiwick of the great grandson of Jefferson Davis, the late Gerald B. Webb, Jr., who with Stacy B. Lloyd, Jr. founded The Chronicle. The writer had the privilege of serving as Mr. Webb's assistant for over a year and had we taken notes of some of the conversations which took place in our old quarters, many a good yarn could have been spun.

There were times when Mr. Webb had as visitors, the late Courtland Smith and the late Dr. Bolling Lee, a direct descendant of General Robert E. Lee. When these three got together, the conversation and the repartee on any given subject from horses, whiskey, to the fair sex was as sharp and keen as a razor's edge.

Many notables and famous horsemen visited our old quarters and had a guest book been kept, the mere reading of the names would have been interesting enough to occupy anyone. From memory we can recall Miss Charlotte Noland, the founder of Foxcroft School, Abram Hewitt, Prince Dimitri Djordjadze, Hirsch Jacobs, the famed trainer, Charles Hatton of the Racing Form, George Weymouth, Miss Zandra Morton, Louis Aitken, Paul Mellon, Morris H. Dixon, Sr., and Humphrey Finney. Steeplechase jockeys, trainers, show ring riders, fox hunters and many other personalities interested in horses passed through the portals of our old office. A very long list could be made of our visitors as practically everybody connected with horses, who ever visits Middleburg, usually makes The Chronicle office one of his stops.

Shortly after we moved to our new quarters in June of 1953, workmen started to renovate the building. It was underpinned and the cellar excavated for the ground floor offices. When the ground floor was completed the staff moved from the second floor to the new offices, and work continued on the second floor. The Chronicle staff now occupies the first two floors, and two additional ones are available for future use. The building itself is of the tall narrow type similar to the "old Georgetown houses" in Washington and like those built in Colonial times in Philadelphia and other large cities.

If our new quarters play as big a part in the future, in the lives of visiting horsemen, the present staff of The Chronicle will be most gratified.



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# Grass Roots



## A Small Flock of Sheep and Early Lambs A Profitable Enterprise For Livestock Farmers

Mayo Brown

Many livestock farmers who raise cattle, sheep and hogs will tell you that they sometimes lose money on their cattle and hogs, but the sheep always pay their way and usually make money. For some years now livestock specialists in Virginia have been recommending that each farm have at least a one ram flock of sheep. This size flock will fit into just about any size farming operation and usually no extra provisions are necessary. We feel that there is a definite place on most every farm for sheep. Of course, there are disadvantages we can think of in having sheep, such as having to spend nights in the sheep shed during lambing season and drenching for parasites three or four times a year, but the advantages in having a small flock outweigh these many times. Ewes will pay for themselves the first year and if they have twin lambs, then of course the second one is clear profit.

A flock of 30 or 40 head of ewes is generally considered to be the smallest number that will produce enough return to make the program worth while. One ram can look after this many ewes; however, some farmers will want to keep two. But generally speaking, this is a one ram sized flock.

When a flock this size is established usually the owner can afford to buy a good registered ram, with a minimum of breeding expense per ewe. Quite a few states now have organized stud ram sales every year where carefully selected animals can be gotten. The ram must be registered, but the ewes need not be. For the beginner it is usually best to start with grade ewes. Western grade ewes seem to do better, are generally healthier and more desirable than grade native ewes. With good management and these ewes being bred to good registered rams, a good flock can be built up at the least expense.

There are farmers who would like to have a small flock of sheep but have difficulty in finding just what they want. If you want Western ewes, usually your County Agent or State Agricultural College can furnish names of reliable breeders and dealers with such stock for sale. If you order directly from the west it is necessary to place your order in the spring for fall delivery. These ewe lambs will come in about September or October and can be bred the following summer. Lambs of this sort will usually be free from parasites and will do well if properly cared for.

It is very important for the ewes to be bred early. It is difficult to breed late in previous years. But if yearling ewes are in good order they will breed as early as you want them to. The breeding season for ewes is undergoing considerable change now. In the past it was believed that ewes would take the ram only when the nights turned cool in the fall. This has now been proven incorrect. It is definitely known that if well fed and handled properly, ewes, especially yearlings, will breed much earlier. In Louisiana sheepmen are now breeding their ewes in June and July and getting considerably more than a 100% lamb crop.

The breeding for early lambs cannot be stressed too much. If these lambs weigh 90 or 100 pounds by April they will bring a top price, and early lambs do better. Later or summer lambs usually become heavily infested with internal parasites and often are lost because of this condition. Some breeders of purebred sheep worm their lambs every two weeks and still lose them from parasites. Some breeds of sheep, such as Dorset and Tunis, will breed at almost any time

of the year and one way to get early breeding ewes is to use a good registered ram on these ewes and then cross with a mutton type ram to get the final market product. However, it has been proven by sheepmen throughout the country during recent years that most ewes can be brought into heat relatively early by proper feeding and handling.

To accomplish this desired objective, the ewes to be bred should be kept during the winter on only enough feed to maintain them in a thrifty condition. Then about one month before they are to be put with the ram, feed them a generous amount of grain and put them on good pasture. Shelled corn and whole oats, equal parts, is as good as any ration you can use.

When the ram is turned out be sure that he is in good fleshing condition. He should be fed liberal amounts of a grain mixture such as the one mentioned for ewes plus 1 part soybean oil meal. Of course the ram can be too fat, so hold off these generous feed portions until about 30 days before he is turned with the flock. When he is turned out, be sure to trim away any burrs and the fleece over the genitals and belly. It is also desirable to trim away wool from around the genitals and twist of the breeding ewes.

November and December are the best months for lambs to begin to come. The weather is usually not too severe and work on the farm is slack at this time so the men will have more time for the sheep. Also, you will have a 100 pound lamb by April, which is the most desirable market time.

When lambs are two weeks old begin to give them a little grain. Fence off a small area which only the lambs can get to and keep a mixture of oats and wheat there all the time. Corn can be substituted for wheat if it can be had for the same price. Wheat is better because it is higher in protein and digestible nutrients.

Three weeks before the lambs are due to come it is a good idea to feed a little grain to the ewes. This will bring along a good milk flow at lambing time. Milk is the cheapest source of food for lambs and the market will pay a top price for these early milk fed lambs.



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## The Old Chatham Pony Club

Elsie K. Powell, Jr.

The Old Chatham Pony Club was organized in the spring of 1954 in conjunction with the Old Chatham Hunt and Pitt Hall.

Our first rally was held at Pitt Hall on June 19th with 30 members present coming from a local area of some 35 miles. We had a welcoming speech by Mrs. Frederic H. Bontecou of Millbrook, N. Y., our Regional Supervisor. Mrs. Bontecou seemed quite pleased with the mimeographed test sheets we had made, not yet having received the official ones from Mr. Jones. Also, Mrs. W. Gordon Cox, our District Commissioner and Capt. Sydney R. Smyth our joint MFH's, both spoke. Mr. Everett F. Gidley, Mrs. Nelson Gilbert and Miss Elsie K. Powell,

"Hopalong Cassidy's" that are quite prevalent in this part of world, the Pony Club ideas must be presented in such a way as to hurt no feelings, but to install the realization that there is more to riding than just "galloping down the village street!" We are not as lucky as many other Pony Clubs which are in a large traditional Foxhunting area; the Old Chatham Hunt started up again only a year and a half ago in this immediate vicinity.

It was interesting to note the difference between these two rallies. More members came with their own horses (7 to be exact) many had done a great deal of homework and 10 more passed their D test. By this time too, some of

Miss June Scott-Pearse who has instructed at the Fife, Perth, Strathearn and New Forest Pony Clubs. She completed her Pony Club and Preliminary British Horse Society examinations with the Perth Pony Club and took the official Pony Club Instructor's course under the late Capt. Tony Collins at Porlock.

In the middle of October the Old Chatham Hunt had their Hunter Trials. Six Pony Club members participated and did exceedingly well. Linny Holden's horse, Daniel Boone was reserve champion. Linny won second in the horsemanship over fences for jumpers; first, riding Col. Brunschig's horse in the local hacks; first, with Daniel, in pairs of hunters; and third, riding Daniel in handy hunters. Betsy Long won 5th in the horsemanship over fences for juniors and third, in the open hunters riding Prunewhip (she was riding Foxhollow School horses.) Betty Cowan won second in the local hacks and 4th in the trial hacks. Sandra Murdoch won 4th in the local hacks.

To mention another Pony Club member, Lynne Girdler won a 5th ribbon at the Kentucky State Fair in horsemanship under 12.

When the Hunting Schedule was mailed out November 1st, the Pony Club members were invited to follow the Hunt on Thanksgiving Day! This called for special preparation and another rally was called!



(William Lees Photo)

Some of the Old Chatham Pony Club members—(front row, l. to r.): Gretchen Stearns, Janie and Roxanne Silvernail, Linda Holden, Betty Cowan, Madge Berry, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Douville and Sandra Murdoch.—(back row, l. to r.): Janis and Leigh Berry, Sandra and Suzanne Shaffer, Richard Murdoch, Katherine Groves, Sharon Illoway, Kendra Stearns, Judy Adams and James Murdoch.

Jr., (Sec.-Treas) comprise the rest of the committee and were all there, of course.

As our summer staff of four riding instructors was already here, we were able to separate into small groups—all learning different aspects of horsemanship. These groups rotated, using about 7 or 8 horses in all, two members with their own. We had games planned, but alas—the afternoon suddenly came to an end and we had not completed half the program. Nevertheless, six members passed the D Test.

Rally number two (planned a little differently) came on July 17th with 43 attending, and was an all day affair with picnic lunches—the older members rallying in the morning and the younger ones in the afternoon. We started off with the games, so as to be sure to get them in! What is a party without a game? In order to compete with the

our camp children had joined the Club. We now have members from as far as Louisville, Kentucky, who also attend their own local pony clubs.

Towards the end of August, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Munroe came to judge our camp horsemanship and, of course, we talked Pony Club. They looked over our proposed C test and, with a few changes, felt we are on the right track.

At another rally late in September to which 29 members came, the summer residents having departed, ten more passed the D test. At least half of our members are rank beginners and some have been either riding with us locally or for several summers—while of course a few others with horse backgrounds, have recently moved into this community.

This September we were most fortunate in having a Scottish girl join us,

It was held at Mrs. Cox's home the main idea of explaining the why's and wherefore's of Fox Hunting, which Mrs. Cox did in detail. We also played the HUNTING BY EAR records. Having contacted Mrs. Bedford, we obtained five British Horse Society films, three on HORSE SENSE and two on GROOMING. With 28 members present, hot cocoa and a huge supply of cookies, a good time was had by all and the following Thursday was looked forward to with great anticipation.

By the way, take a tip from us: WE missed our cue! For those of you who also live in such an environment i. e., where some parents know nothing about horses, do get them to come to see these movies. We had a few parents stay, as they lived such distances away, and after hearing their comments, we wished we

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## Old Chatham Pony Club

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had had them ALL stay. We plan to ask for the movies again next summer and have a rally for PARENTS. We earnestly feel much can be accomplished by this!

As you can see by the accompanying photo five members were mounted and some 17 came to follow by car. Linny Holden hunts regularly and Gretchen Stearns had been out once before, while it was the first hunt for all the others. Mr. W. Gordon Cox and Miss Scott-Pearse explained to the car followers—and what a sight it was to look back as we, the field, proceeded up a steep hill, to see the two-legged hunters puffing enthusiastically up the same hill at a proper distance—to “see and hear what they could.” Just wait until they are all mounted next Thanksgiving!

Depending on weather etc., we are looking forward to competing with the Millbrook, N. Y. and Fairfield, Conn. Pony Clubs at Millbrook during the Christmas vacation.

Now we have 65 members and seem to keep adding all the time. We are planning great things for the spring activities and are working toward making a junior committee do more of the actual planning and guiding.

We are anxious to have as much variety in our program as possible. To date, we have not been able to find time in our big rallies to teach driving. But in between we do quite a bit of this and soon will have a sleigh riding rally.

How about some of you southern Pony Club members coming to join us at one of these?

## The Baltimore Harford County Pony Club Has A Very Successful Year

Jean Hebb

The Baltimore Harford County Pony Club worked in quite an active schedule this year under Mrs. Dean Bedford, D. C. We began the season in January with a meeting at which several movies were shown. The most important of these, a Pony Club Picture on Jumping, showed a course given in Porlock Vale, the famous English riding school. It was very complete, beginning with the first stages of training and ending with an impressive performance of an Olympic jumper.

During March each of us received our ratings for the coming year. Several weeks later we met to be tested by Colonel Fair and Mrs. Arthur Hanna and to try out for the teams that would compete in the Canadian Pony Club Rally. There were three stages of the test, the first an elementary dressage ride that we had prepared, then a short cross country ride, and finally a stadium jumping course. That night we held a meeting in which we were questioned about our knowledge of hunting and stable management.

Having thus acquired some idea of what we could or could not do, we set out to learn as much as possible before the trip. We arranged a program of lessons from Colonel Frierson. Several of us met each Saturday, went through our rides, and then spent the time working out our individual problems, principally in dressage. Actually it was not dressage, but a ride consisting of maneuvers requiring basic collection and flexibility. Dr. John Gadd gave us a lecture on the most common ailments found in horses, their causes and their cures. Finally

two days before we were to leave for Canada, the team members, helpers and captains, with their mounts, assembled at Mrs. Bedford's home to put the final edge on our preparations and practise working together as a team.

At last having loaded our mounts and baggage we began the first phase of our trip which took us up through New York State. On the way we made an interesting tour of the Corning Glass Works. We went as far as Avon before stopping for the night. We were treated to a delightful dinner and even a swim by Mrs. Case, a resident of the nearby country.

During our second day's trip we stopped at Niagara Falls, and from there proceeded to Sutton, Ontario. We arrived in the late afternoon and spent the evening settling ourselves for the busy days ahead of us.

There were numerous events ranging from a hunt, the actual riding competitions, lectures on the best methods of performing, stable management, conformation judging, a bridling contest and a very amusing Branch Display. The most important was the three-day event, consisting of the elementary dressage ride, the cross-country competition, and the stadium jumping. We did quite



(McMillan Photo)

Honorary Junior Whippers-in with the Aiken Drag Hunt—(l. to r.): Ivor Stoddard, Bradford Walker and David Walker.

well and when the final day arrived we had accumulated several awards.

In addition to our work we went swimming in the nearby lake, held a square dance and a horn blowing contest, centered around a huge bonfire. All in all we had a most enjoyable trip.

Our next project for the year was to hold a rally of our own, the combined Training Event. All Pony Club members were invited and many were put up in various homes. Colonel Frierson and Miss Barbara Kemp judged the three riding events and Mrs. Arthur Hanna marked our stable management. In addition we held a horse show at the same time in our new ring at the ElkrIDGE Harford Hunt Club.

Then in October we saw several other English movies. There were “Grooming” and “Horse Sense”. During the meeting we planned our final event for November 21, the Junior Hunter Trials. The trials consisted of five classes, green hunters, qualified hunters, pairs, riders under 12, and the Master's Cup. Everyone under 21 years of age entered regardless of whether they belonged to a Pony Club or a Hunt Club.

We feel that we have had a successful year during which we accomplished a great deal, and we hope that our membership will increase during 1955.

## The Whys Of Foxhunting

Elizabeth Ober

It generally takes a young fox-hunter several seasons to discover he enjoys himself more when he is warmly clad. Many winter hunting days which appear pleasantly warm at the start are bitterly cold before hounds are taken in. A fox-hunter attired in light clothes frequently has a mighty uncomfortable hour or two riding home. It is difficult to decide how much wool to wear but it is better to be over-dressed than under-dressed for winter hunting. A long sleeved undershirt is a MUST for every fox-hunter who is hunting a full season. And his riding coat should be loose enough to permit him to wear an additional top woolen shirt and a vest. His boots too should be roomy enough to permit him to wiggle his toes when he is wearing woolen socks. There is nothing colder or more uncomfortable than a pair of tight fitting boots unless its a pair of tight fitting gloves. Tight fitting gloves are not only uncomfortable but inappropriate for the hunting field. Separate pairs of chamois, leather or string gloves with woolen gloves worn under them are more practical than a pair of combined string and woolen gloves which may shrink in the washing.

## Toronto Junior

The Annual Toronto Junior Winter Show is an affair of some years standing. The local Branch of the Pony Club, the Eglinton Hunt Branch, has sponsored Junior Shows in the Toronto area since introducing them some 15 years ago, but entries have not been restricted to members of the Pony Club. The Show held on January 8th was managed by Carl Dow who has a committee formed of other Associate members and members of the Pony Club.

The age limit went up to the associate age limit of under 21, a fairly new development in these shows. Most of the associates (and the Eglinton Branch has quite a number) take a very active interest in their Branch and there is the Annual Inter Branch Competitive Club Rally to look forward to in June to which Eglinton hopes to send an Associate Team. Proceeds of the show will go toward shipping the Branch's horses to the Rally which this year will be held in the province of Quebec.

The male competitors dominated, with Norman Elder winning the championship with North York and tying on Huntress with Bob Shea on Major Sandan for the Reserve. Jack Paddy and Moffat Dunlap partook in a memorable jump-off in the F. E. I. Jumping to wind up the show. Moffet rode Sam Stanley's Mischievous (the horse he got 2nd with at the Royal in the junior jumping stake) was defeated in the fourth jump off (stop watches were not on hand) by Jack Pady riding Slow Motion, the horse his older brother Walter took to Europe last summer on the Canadian Jumping Team.

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## Vautrait Bertin

## Boar Hunting In France

Lida Fleitmann Bloodgood

If my father thought most of my friends mad as March hares, it was perhaps not surprising. Had he not once caught a British Member of Parliament and future peer of England pretending to burglarize his home in the dark? Did he not later discover an elderly French cavalry officer prancing around his drawing-room in imitation of a horse—arching a long, withered neck, stamping his shiny patent leather shoes upon the floor, and doing everything but neigh? Of the two perhaps the Frenchman seemed the crazier. Tom Royden was at least young, and with a sheepish grin had immediately relinquished his burglar game and assumed the decorous demeanor suited to his rank. Colonel Feline, however, veteran soldier and famous horseman, was old and not even joking. In deadly earnest, ignoring my father's stunned disapproval, he continued cantering around the room, changing leads as he demonstrated to me—an entranced audience of one—how a horse should do this.

It was thus capering about in our Paris home, that I last saw Feline. I had met him years before in New York, when at the suggestion of Johnnie Townsend, he had been invited—in what proved a vain attempt to convince the American public that the Thoroughbred type of horse gives a better ride than the Kentucky saddler—to judge hacks at the garden with Vivien Gooch. I can still see those two in the ring, either riding the entries in tails and toppers, or standing side by side, score card in hand. Both were as thin as rails and wore red in their buttonholes—Gooch a crimson carnation, Feline the ribbon of the Legion d'Honneur. Gooch was the shorter of the two, and silvery haired; Feline tall and bald and possessing a nose as prominent and florid as that of Punch.

Gooch, made frequent visits to the United States; Feline, however, never came again and I lost track of him, not even seeing him during my family's annual spring peregrinations to Paris. Indeed, at this time I had few horse contacts in the French capital. With the exception of an occasional day's racing at Longchamps and Auteuil when the La Montagnes had horses running, coupled with my one day's stag-hunting, the only horses I ever saw were the poor nags that drew the *fiacres*. In short, I was obliged to content myself with the sort of life led by most Americans of a certain category in Paris. In the morning I would find half of New York's Social Register in the Place Vendome when I went to call for my mail at Morgan, Harjes; later I was dragged against my will to watch my aunt and her bosom friend, the Infante Eulalie of Spain, while they had their dresses fitted at Paquin or Doucet—*Haute Couture* names to be conjured with like Molyneux or Jacques Fath today. Following these sessions—at which my poor aunt tried in vain to arouse in me a tithe of the interest I showed in London when I fussed over the fit of a habit at Busvine's or a boot at Peale's—the whole family would usually convene for lunch either at Henri's, the Boeuf a la Mode, or most frequently at the Ritz.

Though in the beginning I never rode in Paris, nothing prevented my talking horses with my cousin Richard Watjen,

already then attached to the Spanish Imperial Riding School of Vienna, in which he was later to distinguish himself. Escaping from our elders we would go into a huddle in some theatre, opera, or restaurant, and argue to our hearts' content, he trying to "sell" me the joys of Advanced Dressage and High School, I endeavoring in vain to convince him that he missed much by not hunting.

On day, tired, I suppose, of merely "talking horse", I decided to look up Colonel Feline and after some difficulty located him in a somewhat frowsty old club in the Faubourg St. Germain. From that moment Paris became a changed city for me. I was given the run of Bartlett and Douey's sale stable, and the choice of all its best horses, and I soon found myself spending my days cantering along the leafy bridle paths of the Bois in the company of men and women as smartly turned out as we of the old Riding Club had once been. When not riding, I went with Feline to the *Concours Hippique*, then held in the *Petit Palais* on the Champs Elysee, or I occasionally motored out of town with him to some breeding establishment such as the famous *Haras du Pin*.

Best of all, Feline arranged for me to go boar hunting, shipping one of Bartlett and Douey's best hunters out by rail and, since there are no "hunt clubs" in France and all packs of any kind are

private, securing for me an invitation to go out with Monsieur Bertin's *Vautrait*.

The meet was some forty kilometers from Paris, within sight of Rouen's cathedral towers. It differed little save in size from the stag-hunting meet at Chantilly, the men wearing the same brilliant liveries with much gold *gallon*, and carrying the curling Dampierre horn, and the women dressed in the same tight-fitting habits with lace-trimmed tricorne. The forty-five couple of hounds were also similar to those used stag-hunting—large English foxhounds or else of French breeding, the latter thought to possess better noses and voices. All were branded with a large "V".

Although we did not meet until ten o'clock, the boar's lair had already been located at dawn by the *Valet des limier*, and towards this spot we found our way. Our first object was not, as in stag-hunting, to separate the male to be hunted from the females, but merely to rouse the boar from the heavy sleep into which he falls after his night of feeding. The boar is a solitary creature and, save in the rutting season when he has been known to endanger his own life in order to lead his pursuers away from his herd of sows, the wild pig lives and sleeps almost alone. This hermit tendency increases with age, and a *Grand Vieux Sanglier*, or big old boar, such as was our quarry, often travels great distances accompanied only by a young little male, quaintly called his "page".

Arriving at the place which the *Valet des limier* had marked with broken twigs, hounds were encouraged to push their way into the underbrush, while a great din was made by everybody to waken the boar. He awoke alright. Suddenly I saw rushing out at me, an inch from my

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horse, who narrowly escaped being gored, a great thick snout and long gleaming tusks. What ever excitement boar-hunting may lack because of the absence of jumping, is more than made up for by the dangerous nature of the quarry itself. The boar is a nasty customer, nasty in character and nasty in looks. If one happens to see him in the winter against the snow, his grisly coat outlined against a greyer winter's sky, he may perhaps remind one of a granite statue by Barye. But seen, as I first saw him, emerging with red rimmed eyes from amidst a bed of violets and anemones in a beech forest over which spring had already thrown her palest veil of almond green, he appeared for all the world like a satyr among fairies, like the clumsy ass in "Midsummer Night's Dream".

The two most dangerous moments in the hunt are the first and the last: when the boar is aroused, and when he is cornered. As he sprang that day from his bed, he charged first one hound or horse and then another, trying with lowered head and menacing grunts, to gore whatever animals were unlucky enough to come within reach of his tusks. Then, lumbering off heavily through the underbrush, he broke through the ring of his attackers, and with a great snapping and breaking of branches, tore off through the forest with the pack in full cry at his heels.

And what a chase he led us! Mile after mile slipped by, for the boar's greatest asset is neither his speed nor his cunning, but his massive strength and staying qualities. Leaving the forest, he soon began traveling at a rapid trot across the green spring fields, slashing now right, now left, at the hounds who closely hemmed him in, and who tried in vain to bring him down by the ears—to *Coiffer* or "hairdress" him as it is called. Time and again he shook the hounds off, wounding so many that we finally had only five couple left, and even going out of his way to gore a grazing cow.

Although the pace was not fast and sometimes slowed down almost to a walk this applied only to the boar and the hounds. We who followed, being unable to ride across the great fields of new wheat, had to gallop hell for leather on long detours to keep the quarry in sight. At last we came to the broad bit of water where the rivers Seine and Eure unite around an island, and here the boar plunged into the rapidly flowing stream. With but an instant's hesitation the pack followed, and I, "crazy American" that I was, never pausing to see what the Master or field were doing, prepared also to enter the river. As I pushed my reluctant horse down the bank I tried desperately to remember what little I knew about swimming a horse—that little learnt from the movies. One must throw oneself off, grasp the pommel and float or swim alongside the animal. That much I knew. How well I would have succeeded in my heavy Melton side-saddle skirt I never learnt, for at the last moment I luckily caught sight of the field racing along the river bank towards a not too distant bridge. As I joined them I saw the boar turn back in his tracks, and with the pack still swimming behind him, re-cross the river again; had I thrown myself into its icy waters my dramatic gesture would have been in vain.

Once again we were off across country, the *piqueurs*, by urging hounds now right, now left, harrying the boar gradually away from both river and forest.

Had he entered either one or the other he would have been lost to us. Each time the *piqueurs* rode too near the running combat, the boar would charge the horses, and indeed for this part of the game a polo pony would be ideal. Whereas it is fairly easy to evade the boar on a fresh horse, it is a different matter on a tired one and only after one *Piqueur* had been obliged to withdraw with a badly gored mount, and more hounds had retired to lick their wounds, was the boar finally forced into a farmyard. To see the shrieking peasant flying for safety, slamming doors, climbing trees, made me feel as if one were big game hunting rather than within sight of Rouen. And in a certain sense it is big game, for boars can and have gored panthers and will cheerfully attack a tiger.

Once in the farmyard the boar, drawn perhaps by the smell of pig, crashed into the sty, causing a wild confusion among its inhabitants. Here he put up his last stand—gnashing his teeth and lunging at his pursuers with his tusks, his little red-rimmed eyes aflame with rage. After a battle royal, a *piqueur* finally managed to plunge a long knife into his heart, and he sank slowly to his knees. Although I felt none of the pity I had experienced at the fate of the noble stag in Chantilly, nor even that faint sense of remorse I have so often suffered when I have seen a scurrying bit of red fur disappear beneath a struggling pack of hounds, I nevertheless found myself turning away my head as the boar died. The Buddhists have, I believe, a theory that all human ills come from mankind's unkind treatment of the lower beasts of Creation; perhaps they are right.

The boar dispatched, we were treated

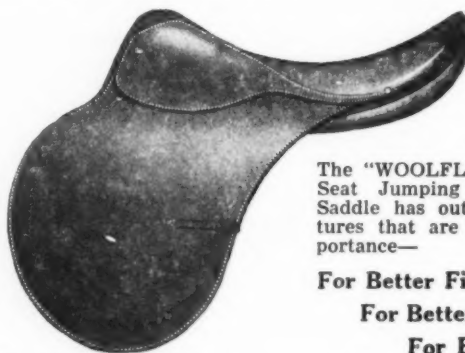
to a hunt breakfast. As erstwhile Master of a hunt like the Smithtown—where so many breakfasts were served that the hunt fixture cards were dubbed the Smithtown Menu—I am considered something of an expert on this form of refreshment. Indeed, at one time a magazine asked me to write an article describing the many hunt breakfasts I had attended—which ranged all the way from the traditional port and biscuits, served at an English lawn-meet, to the delightful *al fresco* affair I took part in near Rome, where the acting Master, Prince Marcantonio Colonna, presided at a long trestle table set up in a farmyard, while the highest and the humblest of the land ate great bowls of steaming spaghetti and drank their fill of Chianti until long after the sun had dropped behind the Alban hills.

The breakfast following the French boar hunt was, however, quite different from anything I had ever seen. It was both unique and typically French. Taking place within a few yards of where the boar had been killed, it might well have been termed a picnic—a very glorified picnic. There was no sitting on the grass and eating hard-boiled eggs and sardines. Instead, folding tables and chairs emerged, as if by magic, from the cars that had followed the hunt. These, covered with finest napery and set with Linoges china and Bohemian glassware, were setup in orderly rows under the budding Linden trees. Here, seated four-by-four against a background of horse, hound and farmyard, men and women in 18th century hunting costumes were waited on by liveried servants, and partook of a hot lunch cooked by some distant *cordons bleus*: *consomme*, *filet de sole*, *la Meuniere*, *Tournados* *Chateaubriand*,

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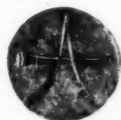
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### ARAPAHOE HUNT

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The Arapahoe Hunt is used to hunting under dry conditions and is justly proud of its fine pack of purebred English hounds who can run the native Colorado coyote over the bare prairies for hours on days when visitors remark the hounds at home wouldn't even have been taken out but this season has been drier than



(Greenway Photo)

This is H. Stewart Treviranus on "Rustum." This pair will constitute the one entry of the Dominion of Canada in the Pan American Games which are being held in Mexico D. F. in March. They were on the Canadian Team at Helsinki in 1952 and finished 19th in the Three Day Event and first for Canada. Mr. Treviranus is now living in Virginia and is manager for Rice Associates. The horse has been in training Since October 1.

even we are accustomed to. One light rain and a two in snow is the only moisture which has fallen in over three months and since cub-hunting mornings in September and early Oct. we have not had one of what we fondly think of as our usual good runs. In spite of the lack of scent however, we have had some good sport and, amazingly, hounds have killed twice and for the first time in five seasons.

The whippers-in are customarily used as "scouts" in the early part of the hunt, to ride the ridges to either side of hounds and to keep a sharp lookout for the wily animal which sneaks out of the bushes and draws just ahead of hounds, but whose trail is hard to pick up after more than a few minute's lead. Hounds are taken to the view, and ordinarily carry the line from their with little assistance from the hunt staff, but this season with scent extremely spotty even on the best days, and the coyote well aware of it, the whips have been able several times by riding wide to keep the

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## Boar Hunting in France

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vintage wines, coffee and liqueurs. The giggling peasants never ceased to stare.

Formal though the repast had been, the actual cutting-up of the boar was by contrast quite a simple affair, attended by no fanfare of trumpets, no barbecue, and none of the ceremonial I had witnessed at Chantilly. Somewhat to my consternation, I was presented with the boar's head and complimented on my "hard riding". I had, it seemed, ridden as hard as the men, which to my way of thinking had not been hard at all. After all, we had only done some galloping with never a fence in sight.

It is one thing to carry home a fox mask secured to the saddle; quite another to motor forty odd kilometers in a closed limousine with a dripping boar's head at one's feet. The chauffeur, who had flatly refused to take the trophy in front, predicted dire consequences when my mother learnt to what base uses her smart car had been put, and he foretold even worse things would happen when we reached the octroi, where

more took up its travels. Now it is in South Africa where it hangs in my daughter's home, "Paulinas Dal" near Cape Town. Perhaps it nightly converses with the dick-dicks, elands and other specimens of big game shot by my son-in-law, Prince Radziwill, telling these beasts of another land how it swam the Seine twice with a pack of hounds and a crazy American galloping at it heels.



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Mounted and marked with a brass plaque my Grand Vieux Sanglier later went back to America with me—once again narrowly missed being confiscated by the Customs—and then, after hanging for ten years in the hall at Conscience Meadow House on Long Island, it once

## The British "Outlaw" Packs

A. Henry Higginson  
II The Dumfriesshire

"Jardine's hounds are a sight to see; magnificent, powerful hounds, level and wonderfully matched. In the kennels the show of hounds is wonderful. One imagines oneself at **Fontainebleau** in the reign of Louis XIV, the men in pale blue kennel coats, the blue and silver hound lists, and so forth. Jock Jardine is a genius and he has bred a pack of hounds from some F. K. S. B. taproots with various dips in famous working bloodhounds, certain tested French strains, with some Brecon and some Carmarthen lines—very closely bred, with particular regard to producing a cry which I don't think has ever been heard in any other pack. It is more like a bass orchestra, or a thunderstorm, or a Wagnerian opera than anything else! They are now **A BREED**, which breed as true to type as the Belvoir used to and so dominant are they that, if you mated one of them to a poodle, the progeny would still be about 80% "Jock Jardine".

"Now I often consider, if I had to select a pack, which would I take? I have given it a great deal of thought. It would depend on my country. If it were

"Mark my words—there will **one day** be wonderful hounds blended between these three kennels and I prophesy (I shall be dead by then!) that this blood will get put into the F. K. S. B. to revitalize and improve the hounds of today".

So wrote Ikey Bell,—a typical letter from a great hound breeder who sometimes allows himself to get carried off his feet by his ideals. But who doesn't and where would we be in the hound world if there were no ideals?

Small wonder that I have been very keen to see the Dumfriesshire hounds of whom Ikey has so much to say. We left Stamford on Thursday morning—that is the day after the Peterborough Show—and we got to Lockerbie about five o'clock, having passed a gatehouse on our left about three miles before we came into it, I said to my wife at the time, "I wonder if that is the gate to Castle Milk by any chance", which, as a matter of fact, it was. We discovered that by asking a policeman. So back we went, turned in at the gate, after going through some lovely woods came out in-

a pond which he told me was used for curling in winter and is situated in a meadow surrounded by trees which had been planted for many years. Looking down from this terrace, we saw a lot of little red animals which looked like deer and I asked if they were. "No", he said, "they aren't deer, those are my brownish-red sheep. I don't think anybody else has got the breed, but I like that colour and you will see that the coat I have got on is made out of it. In fact, a great many clothes are made from that wool. I think my flock is unique."

Well, we walked round the garden which is beautiful in its wild effect. Jardine seemed to know every rose and every flower that grows there. In fact, the surroundings of the castle are very beautiful as can well be imagined when we were told most of the trees had been planted by his grandfather who lived there many, many years ago.

Presently Lady Jardine came in and showed us our rooms upstairs, and then I understood what Ikey had meant when he wrote me to beware of Jock's oak staircases. They were hard as iron and slippery as ice, and I was very glad to have my faithful stick to help me when I went up and down, which I did as little as possible. The house is full of interesting pictures, not all of them hunting, but most of them with a hunting trend, and many of them with Jock's ancestors and old servants of the Hunt pictured with horses and hounds. Lady Jardine



Sir John Buchanan—Jardine with the DUMFRIESHIRE PACK.

the College Valley country or Fells, I would have no hesitation. I would plunk for the College Valley hounds as in my opinion no other hounds of any weight or bone, however game or good, could last the top pace up and down the hilly country which they hunt all day long. Foxhunting in any ordinary country, I might have to consider and I don't think there would be a choice. Both packs are a triumph of breeding which I have never seen equalled **for the job** and the amazing thing to me is that the first cross of College Valley and Dumfriesshire is a perfect animal. I expect that the true reasons are that each pack, although practically unrelated is closely line bred and that, although at first totally different in looks, are very similar in skeleton formation:—long upper arm, perfect shoulders, sound feet, proper pasterns, loins well let down and perfect movers.

"Anyway, I am glad I have seen what I have always dreamed of and failed to produce myself. You ought, if possible, also to visit the Carmarthenshire pack.

to the open, and so to the front door of Castle Milk. I got out and rang the bell, and as the butler came to open the door, just behind him was Jardine himself, looking the same as ever except that he was a bit lighter than when I last saw him.

"I was having tea" he said. "You're just in time. Come in". So in we went and sat down in the sunny smoking-room. We were made very welcome and Jardine was full of excuses because his wife was away at the Races.

After a very good tea, he suggested a stroll round the gardens and we spent the next hour walking around a most beautifully laid out, but not very big, garden. I find that Jardine is not only a great hound-man but, also that he is very fond of forestry as his ancestors were before him. Castle Milk, which is about a hundred years old, was built by his grandfather and has been added to, from time to time, since. It stands on a high hill overlooking the valley below and, when one looks out from the small terrace on the southern side, one sees

had been out racing all day and seemed to be in a very happy mood, having won the "daily double". We had a delicious dinner and I know that Mary appreciated the salmon-trout as much as I did. They would be called "Sewin" in many parts of northern England and Wales—pink flesh and very, very good to eat. As can be easily imagined, our talk during the evening was mainly about hounds and hunting and Jardine told me how he had built up his pack with many French crosses, and also something of his experience with the French packs.

We spent the next morning at the stables—I wanted to see what kind of horses Jardine used himself in a country like this, so I was glad to accept his suggestion. He breeds a good many and they are very excellent types of well-bred hunters, up to weight, although Jardine, like many other houndmen, thinks more of his hounds than his horses.

Back to the house for lunch and then off for the kennels which, after all, were what I had been waiting to see. It was

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pouring with rain but, luckily, the kennel feeding room is very big and we saw them all there during the time when the rain was falling outside.

When we arrived at the kennels, the rain had kindly let up for a minute or two and Jardine took us to a little platform which is reached by a staircase from outside and overlooks both the dog and bitch yards so that a visitor, who doesn't care to see hounds individually and carefully, can see all the pack at a glance, and what a sight they are! I suppose there must be some fifty couples in the kennel and I don't think I've ever been more surprised in my life than I was when I first saw them. They are all Black and Tans, not like the Belvoir with a certain amount of white to relieve the dusky look of the pack but more like bloodhounds, with unrounded ears and a very "bloodhoundy" look. I should think the doghounds must average 26 inches and the bitches perhaps three inches less, but the effect that one gets on seeing them is of a very big pack of hounds, not in numbers but in size, for all the world like a pack of quality bloodhounds. The Joint Masters are Sir John W. Buchanan-Jardine, Bart., M. C. and his son, Major Rupert Buchanan-Jardine, M. C., who acts as honorary huntsman and hunts hounds himself. The kennel huntsman, T. Cockerell, who also acts as first whipper-in, helped the Master in showing the hounds which were all shown to us singly in a covered feeding room.

It is very hard to describe them and I think that perhaps, the less said the better, when I've already given Ikey Bell's description. I can only say that all of the dog hounds are of great size, with a great deal of quality as well. Of the dog hounds in the book, Marplot '49 by Mortimer '47, out of Wary '46, seems to have sired many of the best of the young entry. In fact, the 1954 hound list contains no less than nine couple of the old pack which have been sired by this dog, who, Jardine tells me, has been a tremendous success. He is a great big, heavy-boned dog with the look of a bloodhound, with quality and a voice which I should suppose one could hear a mile away and always recognize. One must see these hounds to believe that such a pack can be bred and, whether one likes them or not, one must admit that the Master has produced a very wonderful pack which, I'm told, breeds true to type.

The bitches I liked better. In fact, I liked them very much, particularly the 1953 entry many of which are by Marplot. They are more active as a pack than I could have believed possible and I shall look forward some day to seeing them in the field. I have talked with men who have hunted with them and their opinions have varied a great deal, some liking them and others feeling that they are too big to hunt in the hilly country. All Sir John's hounds are un-

rounded, and I also noticed that the dew-claws have invariably been left on. I asked Sir John about this and he said—"Well, I know that the general theory among hound men is that, if dew-claws are left on, they get torn off and so injure the hounds' feet. All I can say is that I have never found it so and, in consequence, I have left them on." Now I know many American hound men who agree with Jardine, but I'm afraid I'm too old and set in my ways to make any such choice.

Baily's Magazine, in speaking of the country, says "Taking Lockerbie as the centre, the hunted land extends seventeen miles north to south, and fifteen miles east to west. It is a wall and timber country; on the N. E. and W. borders are extensive moorlands, often unrideable and in consequence there are no neighbouring hunts. The country as it exists to-day is well wooded, it is a good scenting country, well stocked with strong wild foxes." Wire conditions—so I'm told—have improved very considerably of late and Major Rupert Buchanan-Jardine shows excellent sport.

I might add, by the way, that Jardine evidently thinks very well of the College Valley blood for I saw a very keen looking stallion hound in the kennels which he had borrowed from Sir Alfred Goodson with the idea of crossing it with some of his own hounds.

I think perhaps I ought to say that as a hunting centre the county of Dumfriesshire has been celebrated since the fifteenth century. In the reign of James VI a celebrated character was one Jock o'Milk who is the subject of conversation between James VI and one George Heriot spoken of in Sir Walter Scott's Novel "The Fortunes of Nigel". The Sporting instinct is truly hereditary, for the present holders of the old names are amongst the best representatives in the

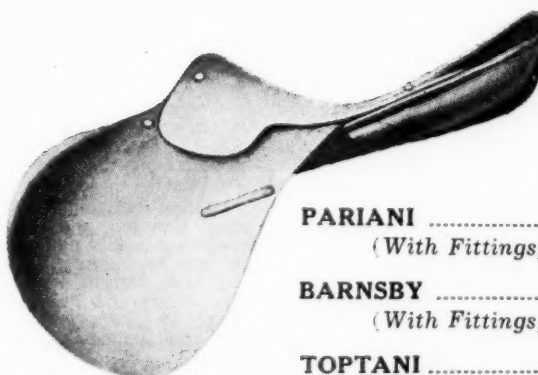
fields which follow the Dumfriesshire hounds today.

It is particularly interesting to note that at one time hounds belonging to the Dumfriesshire went over to America, having been sold to Mr. Foxhall Keene who at that time was Master of the Meadow Brook on Long Island, New York. I well remember hunting with those hounds which did most excellent work in a bad scenting country, which the Meadow Brook certainly was.

I think that Jardine's ideas and mine are a good way apart, but so for that matter are Goodson's and mine. In both cases—particularly in the case of the breeding registry of the College—I feel that there is a good deal of haphazardness in their method and the lack of careful breeding records. Jardine states quite frankly that he has bred in some cases to hounds whose pedigrees do not go back any great way—in fact to hounds that as he expressed it to me "he did not know beyond one or two generations", and in the case of the College Valley Goodson says very much the same thing. But both these men, the Masters respectively of the Dumfriesshire and the College Valley, say that they have been unable to get some of the far back pedigrees, in the case of the Fell Packs (and there is a good deal of Fell blood in some of the lines) and they just don't seem to feel that it is necessary. It's a clear case of two different schools—and I'm afraid that I belong to the old school that craves pedigrees if it is humanly possible.

(Editor's Note:—Those who wish to refer back to Daphne Moore's article on this pack in our issue of No. 26, 1954 will find that it covers the subject from a somewhat different angle and nicely complements the above.)

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coyote in view and thus enable the huntsman to keep his hounds on a very weak line for as long as two hours.

Hounds have worked diligently and with one or two exceptions when a puppy has been over-tempted, disregarded the many hare and haunch who frequent our country. Huntsman George Beeman says the "fast" pack is the fastest we have had since distemper hit the Kennels in 1946, and the truth of this is well born out by the two kills, they can be accounted for by over-confidence in the coyote who played too long with the hounds and poor scent, and by the speed of the hounds who were able to overrun him when they viewed.

Our first kill came on November 14th when hounds ran a coyote from north of Headquarters through Section 12 and rolled him over in the bank of Bennett's Gulch, and our second on December 27th when a coyote we had been running slowly for half an hour, tarried to long and was flushed by the field from a cactus bush on the Anticline; he ran north but hounds caught him a half mile further on as he tried to cross Wildcat Road. Our best run of the season occurred November 28th after the one and only snow and scent was at least fair. A first coyote was disappointingly lost after a short run through the Pollack when the coyote got too far ahead and scent evaporated, but later in the morning near Bowen's 40 the field had a wonderful view of several coyotes fleeing south over the winter wheat field. Hounds were able to carry the line across the ploughed field and, continuing south over the grassy fields, ran the coyote as hard as they could go for over half an hour without a check.

Our fields this season have been the largest in the hunt's history and we have had the pleasure of several visitors—both the English and French consuls in Denver, Mr. Tull and M. de Cabrol have been out with us, and Mrs. Reginald Taylor had the good run after Thanksgiving. Gerald Clarke is back in the field after breaking his back in a fall last summer and Mrs. Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr., the Master's wife is also riding in the field after a several years' absence from a similar accident. A large group of youngsters are also enjoying the holiday hunts.

### PIEDMONT FOX HOUNDS

Upperville,  
Fauquier County,  
Virginia.  
Established 1840.  
Recognized 1904.



To end 1954 the Piedmont Fox Hounds had two of the best days in many a season. On Tuesday, Dec., 28th they met at Grafton. There was a large Field, with Orange County and Middleburg well represented. They moved off towards Oakley, found in a grove near the house, and ran at a racing pace across Westview, Rosehill, Greenway, and up to Pen-y-bryn. To give you an idea of the pace, the followers in cars raced down route 50 turned at Atoka and arrived at Pen-y-bryn only just in time to see the last of the Field jumping the in-and-out on the farm road. Here one of the Field pulled up and was heard to say, "it can't be only 1 p. m.; we seem to have been running for hours". Across the farm to the south they ran, turned west down to Goose Creek, over the creek and on up through Hubert Phipps'

stable yard, across to his fields and over to the Mellon farm. Here they lost. Not once in this 60 minute run did hounds check.

There could not be a better one, those on the run thought, but the next Friday, Dec. 31st when hounds met at Pen-y-bryn they had a day easily as good. There was again a large Field, with many on foot, making it a gala meet for the last day of the year. Hounds moved off west through the grove, to a small alfalfa field, where two foxes were jumped. One went east towards the Orange County boundary, the other west through Phipps', on to Mellon's across Westview back to Mellon's and across the creek to Greenway. One follower fell in Goose Creek; no harm was done, just a good soaking. Up through Pen-y-bryn, over the in-and-out in the farm road, over three fields, down to the creek again. Repeating the same loop, within an hour they were back again over the same in-and-out. This time the fox had got somewhat ahead and since horses and riders were thoroughly tired, the Masters called it a day. With a "see you at the Hunt Ball tonight" the Field went happily home.

Starting the New Year hounds met at Unison. There were four visiting sportsmen in the Field from Connecticut:—Mr. Tim Durant, M. F. H. of Smithtown, L. I., Mr. B. E. Bowen, Field Master of Middlebury Hunt, accompanied by Mr. Moran and Mr. Bruno. In the lower country as Unison is called, is some of the most beautiful country to be found around here, and followers on horse and in cars were delighted to be out there. Hounds jumped a fox and ran him for about an hour, but the going was deep and a good deal of wire caused some checks, but the day was fine and the visitors enjoyed good sport over hills and dells as beautiful as anywhere in this fair hunting country.

—Hilltopper

### ESSEX FOX HOUNDS

Peapack,  
New Jersey.  
Established 1912.  
Recognized 1912.



The Essex Fox Hounds (Peapack, N. J.) have gone out 56 times from the beginning of cubbing, Aug. 14, to the end of December, and have shown remarkably good sport in spite of a prolonged unseasonably warm and dry spell that lasted from the first of October almost to the end of November. It is a pleasure to report that there have been no blank days, only a few when scenting was poor and foxes wouldn't stay up, and several extremely good days.

Mrs. Charles Scribner, M. F. H., has done her usual fine job, and this year she has gained inestimable assistance in her arduous task by virtue of the appointment of Mrs. Nelson Slater, Jr., ("Jill" in New Jersey and Pennsylvania fox-hunting circles) as Joint Master.

Honorary Whippers-in Becky Trimpi and C. Maury Jones have been faithfully spelling each other in ably assisting our fine staff, Huntsman Buster Chadwell and Whipper-in Jimmy Kelly. Our new Secretary, Philip B. Hofman, has taken hold with the thoroughness and care he devotes to everything he does, and has proved invaluable in this office.

Under the enthusiastic auspices of the Joint Masters, we have had four gala meets with other hunts. On November 20, members of the Huntingdon Valley Hunt (Holicong, Pa.) met with us at the

Hunt Club at 10 a. m., swelling our ranks to 78 persons. The day was humid and foggy and the foxes were lying very close, probably because of the small-game-shooting season. However, about the middle of the afternoon, hounds started a fox in the Zulke covert which ran north into the mountains and went to earth there after a spanking 30-minute run.

Millbrook Hunt followers came down from New York to hunt with the Essex the following Tuesday (Nov. 23), when the meet was at Shale at 10 a. m. with a field of about 45 people turning out. It was still very warm, but less humid, and hounds put up a fox near Burnt Mills which gave us very good sport by circling through some of our best galloping and jumping country for a delightful and busy day. An invitation from Millbrook to hunt with them December 15 had to be cancelled due to bad weather in New York.

December 1 Hounds met at the Field Farm at 11, when some 20 members to The Cheshier (Unionville, Va.) turned out to make a field, along with the Essex regulars, of more than 40. It was a mild, cloudy day marked by four good, though fairly short, runs through excellent hunting country. The last of these took place in the growing dark on a fox that made three circles between the Pierrepont hill and the old Clucas drive, hounds finally being taken home when one and all agreed they could no longer see the fences their horses were, miraculously still able to jump, although many a sharp rap could be heard in the moonless dark.

The largest field of the year, so far, and one that may establish a record, turned out Saturday, Dec. 11, the day of

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**Essex**

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the point meet with the Spring Valley Hounds (New Vernon, N. J.). Hounds met at the C. Maury Jones' at 11 and one eye-witness reports counting 123 people moving off behind the Joint Masters. This eye-witness reports that she can easily believe the figure to be close to correct, since the roads from about 10 a. m. on were clogged with horse-vans, people coming to follow in cars, and regiments of mounted local hunters all wending their way to the meet. The day was fair but cold and very windy, and when hounds did find a running fox it turned out to be one who had no intention of being co-operative as regards the size of the field. He ran down south of Pluckemin into the so-called Ladies' Country (which actually is quite the opposite) and there, with the staff and the whole field hopelessly wired in, he took hounds off across Route 202 and into the Watchung Mountains where he must have given them quite a run before he brought them back again. It was an hour or more before we found them. They had just put him in near the Hans Langert house off Country Club Road.

—M. W.

**WARRENTON HUNT**

Warrenton,  
Virginia.  
Established 1887.  
Recognized 1894.

**Sat. Jan 1st. 1955**

Hounds met at Fauquier White Sulphur Springs at 11:00 A. M. with a Field of about 45 in varying stages of health and tiredness. Russell Arundel, Ex-M. F. H., took the Field for William Wilbur M. F. H., whose broken collar bone of two weeks ago had not yet mended. The wind was very lightly from the south, the sky thinly overcast. The ground which had crusted with frost during the night, still rode so deep from Wednesday's rain that the Jeffersonsonton woods cover south of Clark Ranch was drawn in order to avoid the lower lying fields along the Rappahanock. The first fox was a craven coward and went to ground within a quarter of a mile.

Hounds then continued to draw the woods on the southern edge of Clark Ranch until about noon when they went away very fast but very quietly on what must have been the first "visiting" fox of the Warrenton season. He passed up a myriad ground hog holes to right and to left of him, and ran, circuitously but steadily, toward the west, crossing Route

229 into country but seldom hunted by Warrenton. About 20 minutes later he crossed back to Clark Ranch running north almost to Route 211. The field, barred by an unjumpable boundary fence, detoured north to Route 211, jumping from Lee Highway into Mr. Armstrong's whence the fox headed straight south across Clark Ranch. Here in the open fields north of the house, he took full advantage of a herd of black angus cattle. This was our only real check. For 5 minutes Huntsman Bywaters quietly let hounds work it out until they hit the line off behind the cattle barns and continued on southward. We ran the whole way southward over the beautiful turf pastures of Clark Ranch and then into Le Baron Farm, past the old kennels, through the woods and out onto the Springs-Jeffersonsonton road. By this time, we had been galloping quite steadily, though not at real pace, for perhaps 45 minutes.

However, in the woods and in the fields just north of the Springs-Jeffersonsonton Road, scent must have improved because hounds really began to fly, still headed southward, pursued by Lester Wayland, Whipper-In, and the remaining small portion of the Field. Pace was quite fast across Fair Oak Farm, across Lakota Road and into Mr. Robert Chilton's. Here we stood once again on the threshold of the very cream of Warrenton country, all big, good galloping fields, well fenced with panels that grow larger as horses grow tired. Hounds ran on without a check across Mr. Robert Chilton's and on into Mr. George Chilton's, thence across the Lakota Road for a short wing and finally back to the boundary fence between Mr. George Chilton's and the former Jim Miller place where, after 1 hour and 35 minutes of steady galloping, they finally lost. The distance measured slightly over 12 miles as the crow flies and perhaps 15 to 16 miles as hounds ran. Although scent and pace were not as burning as they were on Warrenton's great Opening day when we ran at racing pace across the same lower country, hounds and horses none the less had their work cut out for them and showed not only good sport but beautiful hound work. After the last (and best) part of the day, there were left, when hounds finally lost, only Huntsman Bywaters and Whipper-In Wayland, the Sinclairs, mother, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dennis, Messrs. Thomas Atkinson (who never puts a foot wrong or misses a trick in the hunting field), George Walker, Francis Greene, and Mallory Nash with his arm still in a sling and two hard going juniors visiting from Alexandria, the Misses Terry Yates and Eliot McElhinney.

**LITCHFIELD COUNTY HOUNDS**  
(formerly the Watertown Hunt)

Litchfield,  
Connecticut.  
Established 1929.  
Recognized 1931.



A review of the Litchfield County Hounds at the year end finds 22 couple of hounds in kennels, composed of 10 couple of dog hounds, 7 couple of bitches, and 5 couple of unentered hounds. The pack has hunted regularly two days a week since the first of September and will continue to hunt to the first of April, weather permitting.

For unknown reasons, cub hunting was not up to par this year. The fact that this fall has been the rainiest in many years may have something to do with it. On the other hand, late October, November, and December to date have been well above the average. The late fall was also extremely wet, and in a few cases hounds were not taken out due to the possibility of marking up the soft fields.

A great deal of time was spent during the past summer paneling additional country, and as a consequence, the usual maintenance of the country which we have been hunting in the past was done rapidly and not as thoroughly as expected. The country needs more paneling, and the rides need to be cut back further than was possible this summer.

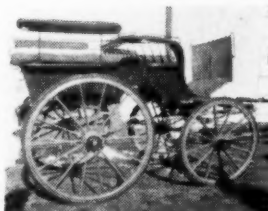
On the other hand, the friendliness of the landowners to the hunt is a source of great satisfaction to the Joint Masters. We are pleased to state that the Bethlehem Wildlife and Conservation Club passed a unanimous resolution requesting their members not to shoot foxes in the territory hunted by the Litchfield County Hounds. In addition, the majority of the country has been posted by landowners or the Bethlehem Conservation Club and as a result, transient gunners have been kept to the minimum. Cooperation between the local gunners represented by the Bethlehem Wildlife and Conservation Club and the Litchfield County Hounds has resulted in the protection of each others' field sports. This fact may well account for the improvement in fox hunting during late October, November, December to date as compared to past years.

The annual Landowners Party held on the fourth of December was the largest, and in our opinion, most successful Landowners Party in many years. Nearly every farm was represented and the door prize, a Corriedale lamb, was won by John Bensavage whose family has owned a farm in Watertown for many

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years. The success of the Landowners Party and the fine relations between the landowners and the hunt are due in a large measure to the efforts of the Landowners Committee. The hunt owes a great debt of gratitude to these gentlemen who farm in Litchfield County and serve on the Landowners Committee. While on the subject of the cordial relations between the Litchfield County Hounds and the landowners in Litchfield, Bethlehem, Watertown, and Morris; the Joint Masters are still limiting the size of the field in order to maintain our welcome upon the land with our hounds. For this reason we have been unable to hold joint meets with

other packs of hounds in Litchfield. Notwithstanding this fact, the Goldens Bridge Hounds extended a very cordial invitation to the Litchfield County Hounds for a joint meet at Goldens Bridge. The hospitality of Goldens Bridge and the day's sport during our joint meeting were consistent with the fine traditions of that hunt.

The Joint Masters are pleased to appoint Charles Moore as Field Master.

From the time of the opening meet until December first, the hunt staff wore black instead of scarlet out of deference to Mr. J. S. Yarrow, late Joint Master of the Litchfield County Hounds, and his family, who died in an airplane crash in the North Sea in August. Mr. Yarrow's death is a great loss to the hunt and to the community in whose behalf he worked so tirelessly and by whose people he

was so greatly respected and admired.

The Litchfield County Hounds welcomes Mr. Malcolm Grahame former M. F. H. of the Rombout Hunt as the Joint M. F. H. at Litchfield.

Activities of the hunt during the past year have included the annual Litchfield County Hounds Show, the annual Hunt Ball, and the Hunter Trials held on the opening day of the shooting season in October.

Last but far from least, the Joint Masters would like to express their appreciation to the members of the Field whose fine spirit and support have made possible the sport and activities of the Litchfield County Hounds during the past year. Sherman P. Haight, Jr., M. F. H., Sherman P. Haight, M. F. H., Malcolm R. Grahame, M. F. H.

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## HORSE SHOWS

### Washington State Hunter Assn. Elects Officers For 1955 Show Season

The Washington State Hunters and Jumpers Association elected its officers for the year 1955 in a general meeting late in October 1954. Elected were Miss Iris H. Bryan, President, and Mr. James Dugan, Vice-President. Representing the junior members on the Board is Miss Terry Norton. Miss Bryan appointed Dr. Illo Gauditz Secretary-Treasurer of the Association which was organized three years ago.

General purpose of the Association is to promote the sport of riding and the showing of jumpers and hunters. One of the steps the organization took towards this aim was to build a set of show jumps consisting of standards, poles, brush jumps, gate, railroad gates and the like. Through publication in the official magazine of the Washington State Horsemen, Inc., "The Canter", the various clubs and organizations and their horse show managers were informed of the existence of these jumps and of the terms under which they could be rented for horse shows offering jumper and hunter classes. An effort was made to educate the managers of small shows with little or no experience in setting up jumper or hunter courses by distributing reprints of an article published in "The Chronicle" on "Setting up Jumper Courses". This article contained a large number of useful hints together with some simple drawings which, it was felt, would give those show managers at least a basic idea of what to do and what not to do. It is felt by all members of the Association when looking back at the horse show season of 1954, that great strides were made towards better courses, better classes, better jumps—and better jumping—and even towards better judging.

In view of the fact that building, replenishing, and maintaining this set of jumps required a certain amount of operating funds, the Association has put on a two-day horse show each year in the two previous years. With part of the receipts from last year's show, which was a great success in every respect, a flat-bed trailer was purchased and modified to serve as transportation for the jumps, thus facilitating their hauling from their place of storage to the various horse shows within the state. As the Association is very much interested in having the show managers make use of these good jumps rather than offering make-shift obstacles so frequently encountered in former years, the rent is rather nominal. Therefore, the returns from jump rentals did not suffice to cover the not inconsiderable expenses incurred from keeping the jumps in ship-shape. Consequently, the Association is presently planning its Third Annual Horse Show. This will be the first show in the 1955 season in the State of

Washington. It will be held on February 19 and 20, at the Clearbrook Riding Academy in Seattle, Wash. While a number of classes are offered for horses ridden in Western equipment, a large percentage of the total of 17 classes will be hunter and jumper classes. It is hoped that, apart from the monetary return, the success of the show will serve further to interest and to educate the general public as well as an ever larger number of riders of hunters and jumpers.

During the show season of 1954, the number of hunter classes offered in the various shows in the State was still comparatively small. So was the number of horses that would pass inspection as real hunters before the eyes of any real authority on hunters. These classes nevertheless helped greatly to interest spectators and competitors alike in this division, and it was quite noticeable towards the end of the season that some horse owner's had made an effort to secure a horse that had at least some hunter qualifications.

The scope of the Association for the year of 1955 is to continue along the path chosen, that is to broaden further the interest in hunter type horses, in showing appropriate horses in the hunter and jumper divisions, to educate further the show managers towards ever better, ever more classes in these divisions, and to improve the conditions under which horses and riders compete in these jumper and hunter classes. If it is true that an organization is as good as

its members, then the Washington State Hunters and Jumpers Association stands a good chance of achieving its aims; for the membership is increasing steadily, and it is really heartwarming to see the great enthusiasm with which particularly the large group of junior members apply themselves to the cause.

#### National Horse Show Officials

Walter B. Devereux of Rye, N. Y. today was elected to his second term as president of the National Horse Show Association, sponsors of the annual 8 day show at Madison Square Garden.

Other officials named at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors presided over by Amory L. Haskell, Board Chairman, at 90 Broad Street, New York City included: Whitney Stone, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Alfred G. Tuckerman, Chairman of the Board of Directors; William H. Henderson, Vice President; William Joshua Barney, Jr., Vice President and Secretary; Janson Noyes, Treasurer; George W. Brassil, Executive Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; Herbert E. Ingram, Assistant Secretary.



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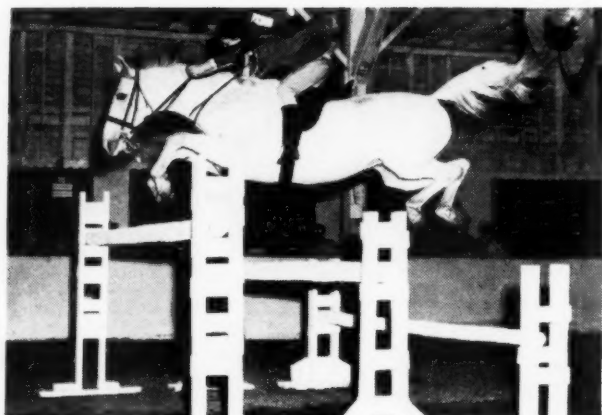
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**SPANISH HILL**, 1954 high point hunter of Oregon is shown with his owner Dan Creary of Oswego.



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**COPPER KING**, Oregon jumper champion of 1954 is owned by Bill O'Connell of Portland; Mrs. Jerry Evans is the rider.

## Copper King Wins in Oregon, Spanish Hill Best Hunter

### Show Bird

Competition for the 1954 Oregon Horse Show championships is over and, although the trophies sponsored by the Associated Hunt Clubs of Oregon will not be awarded until the annual dinner meeting sometime in March, the official results can now be announced. A new champion hit the headlines in the jumper division when Bill O'Connell's Copper King completed a very spectacular season to accumulate 38½ points over his nearest competitor. With eagerness and ability to spare this terrific little horse like the preceding champion, Charcoal, is tremendously popular with his audiences, always giving a little more than is asked for no matter what the course or competition might be. Copper, a young horse, in only his second year of showing, was handled by Adele Williams (now Mrs. Jerry Evans) in most of his classes also by Sharon Fredericks in junior events. Mrs. Robert Ferry's Ridge Runner, reserve champion, also put in a full season of showing under the enthusiastic hand of his mistress. In the hunter division the competition was really keen and the top four were nip and tuck at the last show. However, Dan Creary's tpy chestnut, Spanish Hill, having gained a lead towards the middle of the season, held it to earn the championship in the final calculation of points. Mrs. George Heisley, Jr.'s Petty Girl was in the reserve spot only four points behind.

Both champions and others in each division, the great majority of which are all owned and ridden by amateurs, not only wholeheartedly supported the local shows but also campaigned successfully in other events in Washington, California and Canada. The top six in each section are listed below.

### Junior Division

1. Copper King, Bill O'Connell 78½ points; 2. Ridge Runner, Mrs. Robt. Ferry 40; 3. Charcoal, Highlands Sch. of Riding 34; 4. Shamrock, Vicki Purcell 31½; 5. Spendthrift, Harry Chapman 29½ 6. B's Big Red, Col. Riding Academy 21½.

### Hunter Division

1. Spanish Hill, Dan Creary 32 points; 2. Petty Girl, Mrs. G. Heisley, Jr. 28; 3. Mystery Man, Columbia Riding 25; 4. Flamesweep, Nelle Davis 23¼; 5. Three Sheets, Mrs. Dan Creary 17¾; 6. Scrap Irion, M. Milburn 16¼.

## Toronto Junior

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North York, incidentally was on the same team in Europe for Jim Elder, Norman's older brother.

### CORRESPONDENT BROADVIEW

PLACE: Toronto, Canada.

TIME: January 8.

JUDGES: Dr. Charlie Webb, Miss Barbara Graham, Miss Donaldia Dunlop.

CHAMPION: North York, Norman Elder.

RES.: Huntress, Norman Elder; Major Sandan, Bob Shea.

### SUMMARIES

Novice equitation—1. Penny Robertson; 2. Moffat Dunlap; 3. Jane Wittick; 4. Nancy Shannon.

Child's working hunter—1. Captain Jinx, Diane Meek; 2. Kimberley, Johnny Williams; 3. Happy, Taddy Mathews; 4. Little Coquette, Penny Robertson.

Open equitation over jumps—1. Holy Smoke, Terry Coolen; 2. Sandan, Bob Shea; 3. Huntress, Norman Elder; 4. Mischievous, Moffat Dunlop. Novice jumper—1. Huntress; 2. Gold Coin, Jack Pady; 3. Merry-Go-Round, Laird Wilson; 4. Jezebel, Vicki Robertson.

Open equitation—1. Bob Shea; 2. Jack Pady; 3. Penny Robertson; 4. Vicki Robertson. Bareback jumping—1. North York, Norman Elder; 2. Blythe Spirit, Terry Coolen; 3. Sandan; 4. Pepper Boy, Moffat Dunlop; 4. Huntress.

Open working hunter—1. Sandan; 2. Gold Coin; 3. Sombra, Alice Scott; 4. North York.

Pleasure hack—1. Keeto, Terry Coolen; 2. Irish Melody, Bob Shea; 3. Tuckaway's Folly, Vicki Robertson; 4. Happy.

Go as you please—1. North York; 2. Blythe Spirit; 3. Slow Motion, Jack Pady; 4. Holy Smoke.

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## Stallions to Stud

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triumphed in the National Produce Stakes.

The chestnut stallion stands at the Goemans' new Curragh Stock Farm, Canoga Park.

Another new California stud farm is Miss Eleonora R. Sears' Kimesen Acres, Santa Barbara, where the English-bred \*Tarjoman will stand if the other members of the syndicate now being formed approve of that location.

He placed in stakes in England.

But he had to go to France to secure his lone victory, in the mile Prix Maurepas as a three-year-old of 1954.

Miss Sears bought him from the Aga Khan for \$190,000.

\*Tarjoman is a full brother to Tulyar, the unbeaten three-year-old who earned a record English total of \$76,417. Each of the first three dams captured added-money features. The dam, Neocracy, took the Princess Elizabeth and Lonsdale Stakes. She was a half sister to the dam of the Brighton Autumn Cup winner Ocean Sailing. The second dam, Harina, annexed the Imperial Produce Stakes. She was a half sister to five other stakes victors who between them accounted for three Irish St. Legers, two Irish Derbies, and the English Derby and St. Leger. Dam of this classic brood was Athasi, who acquired the Curragh Consolation Stakes, His Majesty's Plate and Northumberland Autumn Handicap herself.

Tehran, \*Tarjoman's sire, won the St. Leger and five other stakes during his racing days in England; and led that country's sire list in 1952.

Precocity and early speed up to six furlongs marked the racing careers of two more new California stallions, Hindu Star and Little Request.

The latter, purchased by the late Joe L. Palmisano for \$20,500 from the late Charlie Nuckols and Sons at the 1951 Keeneland Yearling Sales, set a Hollywood Park record of :57½ for five furlongs in his first start. Mr. Palmisano promptly turned down a \$100,000 offer for LITTLE REQUEST, and later that season saw him mark up scores in the Haggin and Starlet Stakes. But after Mr. Palmisano's death the colt never regained his form. He was sold by the Palmisano Estate to J. J. Gabriel for \$12,000, top price of the sales session, at a Hollywood Park auction in July, 1953.

Little Request's sire, Requested, was a top two-year-old who retained his class in later seasons. The \$116,595 earner annexed the Youthful, Tremont, Great American, East View, Cowdin and Flamingo Stakes, Wakefield, Babylon and Chalmette Handicaps, and Wood Memorial. Among his offspring have been such cracker as My Request, Miss Request and Cerise Reine.

The light, shifty, well balanced, high-rumped chestnut Little Request, who wore a runout bit, is a half brother to the good sire Littletown, victor in the Primer and Joilet Stakes himself at two. The dam, Little Wichita, is a daughter of Royal Ford out of the Ashland Oaks captor Little Visitor.

Little Request stands at the Shultz Ranch, Rolling Hills, at a stud fee of \$300 with return.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Jeppson's home-bred HINDU STAR, the other precocious early speedster, also set a new five-furlong track record, although his was :59½ at Tanforan; and also annexed two stakes, one being the Haggin, although his tally in that event came two

years before Little Request's. Hindu Star's other added-money win, out of a total of half a dozen successes, came in the El Camino Stakes. He retained more of his juvenile class in later seasons than did Little Request, as evidenced by the Jeppson colt's second to Mucho Hoso in the San Jose Handicap.

The big Hindu Star is a half brother to Liberty Flight, who accounted for the New Rochelle, Pan American, Bristol, James C. Thornton Memorial, Hialeah Park Inaugural and Coral Gables Spring Handicaps. The dam, High Flight, is a half sister, by High Time, to the stakes victor Canfli, dam of Heelfly. The next dam, Flivver, was a full sister to the

\$104,633 earner Gaffsman; and a half sister, by Jim Gaffney, to half a dozen other stakes captors in the U. S., Canada and England.

Hindu Star is the best son of his sire, \*Firozapore, who accounted for the Goodwood Stewards' Cup and Empire Stakes in England.

The "black whirlwind," as Hindu Star was called although he is actually a brown, joins his sire in the stallion barn at the Jeppsons' Circle J Ranch, Chatsworth, at a private stud fee with a live foal guaranteed.

Dr. Bert Baker's VICTORY TOWER, the remaining new California stallion,

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# POLO NEWS



## Delray Wins Official Opening Game At The Gulfstream Polo Field

Jack Cartusciello

In the second game (Jan. 9) of a best two out of three series, Delray Beach defeated the Gulfstream Polo team 9 to 6.

Delray received a five goal handicap as W. L. Hartman of Wichita, Kansas, replaced the injured Bill Barry.

George Oliver opened the scoring on a thirty yard shot. Bert Beveridge and Michael Phipps scored for Gulfstream. In the second chukker Harold Barry scored on a sixty yard penalty shot while Gulfstream was held scoreless.

The third chukker saw the Gulfstream defense show and Delray Beach was held scoreless while Michael Phipps scored for Gulfstream after receiving a pass from ten goaler Stewart Iglehart. Score at the half: Delray 7, Gulfstream 3.

In the fourth chukker George Oliver scored for Delray on a sixty yard penalty shot and again Gulfstream was held scoreless by the brilliant play of Don Beveridge, W. L. Hartman and Harold Barry.

Stewart Iglehart opened the fifth chukker with two quick scores one on a pass from Evinger and the second on a terrific display of horsemanship and mallet work George Oliver connected for Delray.

The final period, with Delray playing strictly defensive polo, Bert Beveridge broke through for Gulfstream to tally the final goal. The final score: Delray 9, Gulfstream 6.

### Lineups

Gulfstream	Delray
1. B. Beveridge	1. D. Beveridge
2. M. Phipps	2. W. L. Hartman
3. S. Iglehart	3. G. Oliver
4. H. Evinger	4. H. Barry

Scoring—Gulfstream: Bert Beveridge 2, Michael Phipps 2, Stewart Iglehart 2. Delray: G. Oliver 3, H. Barry, 5 by handicap.

Gulfstream —2 0 1 0 2 1—6  
Delray Beach—1 1 0 1 1 0—9 (5 by handicap)

Umpires—Bill Barry, Cecil Smith. Referee Bob Uihlein. Timer-Scorer—Frank Gill.

## Lancers Defeat Chiefs 10-9; Shamrocks Take Hornets 12 to 10

N. J. Schmitz

In Saturday's polo (Jan. 15th) at Chicago, a three way tie for top billing was broken in the Central Division. The Lancer team turned in a fine game and won from the Chiefs, despite the fact that the guard for the Lancers—Ernie Lambesis—played the complete game with two ribs broken in a practice game;

and to aggravate the pain, received a stiff elbow in the ribs.

The Lancers by virtue of this win are in first place in the Central Division; however the Cadets from Culver are a big factor and if past teams are any criterion, this will be another scrappy team and most probably a prime contender for the number one slot in the Central Division. Saturday night, Art Mertz retained lead in individual score acquisition by tallying five for the losing Chiefs while Bob Krone—playing good polo, scored four for the Lancers as the individual high score of his team. The Lancers scoring was rather evenly balanced between members of the team.

The closeness of score per Chukker is some indication of the rapidity of play demonstrated by the Hornets and Shamrocks in Saturday's second game. Each team scored four in the first period and one a piece in the second. The Shamrocks scored four to the Hornets three in the third. In the fourth it was three and two. Pat Connors and Jack Ryan were bumping with a vengeance at terrific speed. Pat Connors ran up twice the goals of any other player in the game with beautiful stick handling and a keen display of horsemanship. He established himself well ahead of the field as the top individual scorer in the Midwest division of the league. The Shamrocks



(Ray Manley Photo)

Southern Arizona School teammates Bill Zimmerman, Redondo Beach, Calif., and John Walsh, Jr., San Francisco, practicing on the school field near Tucson.

won the second spot in league standing by defeating the Hornets. One invincible team appears to be the Knights who have yet to lose a game this season.

### 1st Game

Chiefs	Lancers
1. P. Kay	1. D. Harneck
2. A. Mertz	2. Krone
3. A. Lynch	3. E. Lambesis
Alt. C. Lee	4. J. Murphy

Scoring—Chiefs: Phil Kay 3, Art Mertz 5, Pony 1. Lancers—Don Harneck 3, Robert Krone 4, Ernie Lambesis 2, Jack Murphy 1.

Chiefs —5 0 2 2—9  
Lancers—2 4 4 0—10

### 2nd Game

Hornets	Shamrocks
1. J. Baumgardner	1. C. Cokinis
2. J. Casey	2. P. Connors
3. J. Ryan	3. G. Maher
Alt. Bud Rose	4. R. Bond

Scoring—Hornets: J. Baumgardner 1, John Casey 4, Jack Ryan 4, Pony 1. Shamrocks: George Cokinis 3, Pat Connors 8, Pony 1.

Hornets —4 1 3 2—10  
Shamrocks—4 1 4 3—12

## High Scoring Games Feature Play At Cornell University

Mike Kelley

One of the high points of the annual veterinary conference at Cornell was the polo game played between the Cornell Varsity and the alumni veterinarians on Jan. 8th. The Cornell Varsity were given a twelve goal handicap as their opposition was a bit rugged. The whole game was a fast one but as each chukker was played the pace gathered momentum and the fourth chukker had the crowd up and cheering. The veterinarians hadn't played as a team for two years, but the team work was brilliant. Dr. Combs had the crowd completely fascinated with his dexterity in easing the ball between horse's feet, opposing mallets and into the goal. The first chukker gave the Varsity two goals, the veterinarians gained four. The second chukker saw Dr. Gandel playing in place of Dr. Roberts and he made his presence known by banging in four quick goals for the vets while the Varsity added two. The third chukker evened up the situation as Dr. Combs and Gandel made a total of eight goals, the Varsity made one thus the score was 17-16 in favor of the Varsity (considering the twelve goal handicap) The fourth chukker was real excitement—the ball went around the hall with such

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## Cornell Polo

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rapidity that the crowd looked as though they were viewing a tennis match. Dr. Roberts and Combs scored a total of five points but the Varsity, playing hard, finished the game with two points in their favor, the final score was 23-21. Cornell is fortunate in having an excellent group of polo playing students, the co-captains Camilo Saenz and Alberto Santamaria hail from South America and the word has it that they started playing polo when they started kindergarten. One can believe it as the two run up impressive scores each game. These two, plus hard hitting Al Mitchell and Mike Geronimus make this team a tough one.

There was no doubt about the outcome of the traditional Cornell-Yale game held at Cornell Jan. 15th as Cornell took the lead and held it firmly all the way. The Yale team, consisting of Doug Barclay, Joe Williams and Fred Lutz, was well organized but seemed a bit amazed at the pace the Cornellians set. The first chukker was almost all Cornell as they drove in 7 goals to Yale's 1. The 2nd chukker continued at a very fast pace and ended up with a score of Cornell 15 Yale 4, Mike Geronimus took over for Al Mitchell, a member of the Big Red team, for the third chukker; it seems that Al had separated a couple of ribs and fractured an arm at the previous week's game and it was decided he would only play two chukkers—tough lads these Cornellians. The third chukker was all Cornell, but the fourth chukker was much brighter for Yale as they

Varsity —2 2 1 6—23 (12 by handicap)

Veterinarians—4 4 8 5—21

**Cornell**  
1. A. Mitchell  
2. M. Geronimus  
3. G. Saenz  
4. A. Santamaria  
Scoring—Cornell: Mitchell 4, Geronimus 3, Saenz 6, Santamaria 12, Pony 1. Yale: Barclay 6, Williams 3, Lutz 1.  
Cornell—7 8 7 4—26  
Yale —1 3 0 6—10

**Yale**

1. D. Barclay  
2. J. Williams  
3. F. Lutz

## Lancers Defeat Hawks Shamrocks Conquer Ramblers In Chicago

The first doubleheader of 1955 in Chicago Polo on Saturday night Jan. 8th was exciting to watch, although the score was far from close in the first game. Jack Murphy, who substituted for Ernie Lambesis, played an impressive game and rang up a tally of seven goals for the Lancers. The Hawk team seemed to lack the smooth coordinated play that won the first game of the season for them. Bob Krone played back for the Lancers and turned in a fine defensive game as well as scoring five goals. Don Harneck, in his first year of indoor play, rides well and it is apparent in the progress he is making in the game. Often the first year players are out of position and a little lost in the action—not the case with Harneck who fits in play well. The Central division is rather evenly divided now as to wins and losses

in the first chukker while Paul Smithson was the only Rambler to score for his team. George Cokinis sparked the second chukker and has in fact, turned in some very fine performances in every game this season. Cokinis poured in three goals for the Shamrocks in the second period. In the last chukker the Ramblers rallied, as seems to be habitual with them, but couldn't catch the smooth playing Shamrocks.

**1st Game**

**Hawks**  
1. D. Worland  
2. J. Jiambalvo  
3. C. Lopez  
Alt. D. Kenney  
Scoring—Hawks: Jiambalvo 2, Celso Lopez 1, Kenney 1. Lancers: Don Harneck 3, Robert Krone 5, Jack Murphy 7.  
Hawks —1 1 2 0—4  
Lancers—2 5 3 5—15

**Lancers**

1. D. Harneck  
2. R. Krone  
3. J. Murphy  
4. R. Harneck

**2nd Game**

**Ramblers**  
1. W. Miles  
2. H. Dalmar  
3. P. Smithson  
Alt. J. Armstrong  
Scoring—Ramblers: Bill Miles 4, Hugo Dalmar 2, P. Smithson 4. Shamrock: G. Cokinis 5, Pat Connors 7, J. Kraml 2.  
Ramblers—4 1 1 4—10  
Shamrocks—6 4 2 2—14

**Shamrocks**

1. G. Cokinis  
2. P. Connors  
3. J. Kraml  
4. R. Bond

## Rough Riders Win Over N. Y. A. C.—Squadron A Conquers Meadow Brook

Aided by a two-goal allowance at the outset, the Squadron A trio turned back the Meadow Brook Blues, 12 to 11, in the feature match of the weekly polo double-header at the Squadron A Armory, Saturday night, Jan. 22.

In the first game on the program, Herb Pennell and Archie Young hit 15 goals between them as the Long Island Rough Riders turned back the New York A. C., 16 to 7. Pennell made eight goals, while Young stroked seven.

In the Squadron A—Meadow Brook clash, the winning side of Vincent Rizzo, Phil Brady and Joe Rizzo held an 8-5 lead at intermission. Squadron A was forced to stave off a second-half outbreak by the Blues in order to gain the decision.

Meadow Brook hit three goals in each of the third and fourth chukkers while holding Squadron A to four markers, two in each of the last two stanzas.

Vincent Rizzo shared high scoring laurels with Dave Ellis, No. 1 for the Blues. They stroked seven goals apiece. Ellis rose with Phil Iglehart and Henry Lewis 3d.

Young and Pennell rode with Fred Zeller on the Rough Riders side. The Long Island trio showed the way by 7-4 at intermission and broke away for nine more goals in the second half. Bill Westerlund, Zenas Colt and Bill Davey formed the New York A. C. side.

**Rough Riders**  
1. A. Young  
2. H. Pennell  
Back—F. Zeller  
Rough Riders—3 4 5 4—16  
N. Y. A. C.—2 2 3 0—7  
Goals—Pennell 8, Young 7, Zeller; Davey 2, Colt 3, Westerlund, by handicap 1. Referee—John Rice.

**N. Y. A. C.**

1. W. Westerlund  
2. Z. Colt  
Back—W. Davey

**Squadron A**

1. V. Rizzo  
2. P. Brady  
Back—J. Rizzo  
Squadron A —5 3 2 2—12  
Meadow Brook—2 3 3 3—11  
Goals—V. Rizzo 7, Brady, J. Rizzo 2, by handicap 2; Ellis 7, Lewis 3, Iglehart. Referee—L. T. Whitehead, Jr.

**Meadow Brook**

1. D. Ellis  
2. P. Iglehart  
Back—H. Lewis 3d



Cornell Alumni Veterinarians pictured after the Alumni-Cornell game—(l. to r.): Dr. Art Christian, Dr. C. Combs, Dr. S. Roberts.

seemed to get into the pace of things and ended up with six goals to Cornell's four, Alberto Santamaria and Camilo Saenz, two Cornell men, played brilliant polo—Alberto contributed 12 goals to the final score, Camilo added 6 more. Doug Barclay, Yale's team member, was high scorer with six goals; Joe Williams of Camden, S. C. was also an outstanding player for Yale.

**Lineups**

**Cornell Varsity**  
1. C. Saenz  
2. A. Mitchell  
3. A. Santamaria  
4. M. Geronimus  
Scoring—Cornell Varsity: Saenz 4, Mitchell 2, Santamaria 4, Geronimus 1, 12 by handicap. Veterinarians: Christian 1, Combs 12, Roberts 1, Gandel 7.

**Veterinarians**

1. A. Christian  
2. C. Combs  
3. S. Roberts  
4. C. Gandel

with one each for all the central division teams, the exception being the cadets who have yet to play in league action. The cadets' first game is scheduled for January the 22.

In the second game of the evening—the Midwest division—two high scorers of the league vied for top position on the individual scoring sheet. Both play center for their respective teams—Shamrocks and Ramblers, and Pat Connors turned in a higher tally than Hugo Dalmar for the evening's play. In fact Connors placed himself on top of the individual scoring list.

The first chukker of the second game was extremely fast and seemed about two minutes long, due to the excitement maintained all through the period. Each member of the Shamrock team scored



## A. H. S. A. Meeting

### Many Changes Of Great Importance Made in Rules At The Annual Meeting Held In San Francisco

Changes in the rules, more numerous and of greater importance than in many years, will be noted when the annual Rule Book of the American Horse Shows Association appears in mid-March.

This fact was evident during the recent annual convention of AHSA. The parent organization, following last year's practice of going to areas with large memberships, convened in San Francisco January 11-13. Those attending participated in activities of other horse association events while on the West Coast.

Directors of the California State Horsemen's Association, for example, met on Saturday evening January 8, and heard President Adrian Van Sinderen of AHSA describe the function of his organization. On Monday the Pacific Coast Hunter, Jumper and Stock Horse Association held their annual awards dinner at the Hotel Mark Hopkins, site of the AHSA convention. With President James H. Strohm turning the gavel over to show announcer Allen Ross, Mr. Van Sinderen spoke briefly and motion picture actor Dan Dailey, an MFH in southern California, presented Western ten-gallon hats to the AHSA President, to Vice-President Amory Haskell, and to Executive Secretary Theodore E. Buell, seated at the head table.

Meanwhile on Monday the United States Equestrian Team, Inc. was convening in annual session with Andrew Montgomery presiding in the absence of Whitney Stone, who was ill.

After the AHSA delegates had been welcomed at a hospitality party by the PCHJSHA, the big convention opened on Tuesday. Attendance was from 20 states, with nearly 150 from California alone. The Eastern seaboard was represented by a delegation of about 50, many of whom were aboard the "AHSA Convention Special" Pullman cars to the Coast. Another 50 attended from the South and Midwest, with small delegations from several far western states.

Because this year's convention was extended to three days, there was considerable shifting of attendance with a total of nearly 300 persons as in the case of open sessions held by various divisions or breed groups, when delegates could choose which of three sessions most appealed to them.

From these division committee meetings came many suggestions and in several cases the respective committees subsequently in executive sessions, decided to recommend changes for 1955. It was the first time in the Association's years of existence that West Coast exhibitors had such an opportunity to present their views on the rules and indications are that they took full advantage of this change.

Forums on the subject of judges and exhibitors were held on Tuesday, January 11, together with an opening luncheon and meetings of the hunter, western and saddle horse committees. The day's activities were climaxed by a reception at the famous "Top of the Mark."

Directors for 1954 held their session Wednesday morning. With Mr. Van Sinderen presiding, there were 23 directors present. A large number of shows were elected as Regular Show Members and licenses were authorized for other shows. The Texas Hunter and Jumper Association was elected to affiliated

Membership. Gustavus T. Kirby and Prof. Don J. Kays were elected as Honorary Directors and Walter Devereux, President of the National Horse Show, was given a vote of thanks for representing the Association at the FEI Congress in Brussels in December.

The Board approved a number of rule changes for 1955, as recommended by various division and other committees.

It was announced that, prior to issuance of the Rule Book, a summary of the important rule changes would be made available to those needing it, especially officials of shows planning to issue their prize lists before the rule book is available in March.

Delegates then convened for the annual show committee meeting, at which Secretary Albert E. Hart, Jr. reported 171 shows, constituting more than a quorum, represented by delegates or proxies. Several committees reported, after which Mr. Van Sinderen briefly explained some of the 1955 rule changes. Tentative date lists were issued. Official conformation of dates, Mr. Van Sinderen announced, will be forthcoming during February.

The new Board of Directors met next and re-elected Mr. Van Sinderen, who has held that office since 1937, as President. The election of Vice-Presidents included 10 such officials, one for each of the zones into which the country is now divided.

Highlights of the annual luncheon, which followed a reception, included delivery of the President's annual report and presentation of the Division High Score Awards for 1954. A majority of the winners of first place ribbons and trophies were present to receive them. The Jockey Club, through Mr. Haskell, presented two trophies, both going to Leon S. Haymond as owner of highest scoring AHSA horses by Jockey Club stallions, and the International Arabian Horse Association presented to Mrs. Bazy Tankersley of Washington, D. C. their first annual Versatility Award for the highest score in other than Arabian classes by her entry, Arraff.

Mr. Van Sinderen then delivered his annual report.

He pointed out that entries in shows held throughout the country in 1954 climbed 6,037 over the record 121,439 total of 1953, to register the greatest gain in any one year. Classes in which such entries competed went up by 424 to a new high of 11,393 last year. Premiums or prizes increased \$31,170 to a new record volume of \$1,229,189 in 1954. Individual members of the A. H. S. A. climbed 270 to a record high of 3,794, and recognized or official horse shows increased 13 to a total of 298 last year.

With an estimated \$25,000,000 worth of show horses competing all over the U. S. last season, signs are growing that this figure, like other records, will probably be broken in 1955. Junior com-

petition and interest in the sport continued to expand, insuring a solid backlog of future participants as adults. Show membership in the AHSA have increased 20 percent in the last five years, with individual members up 43 percent in the same period.

With nearly one fourth of the organization's membership in the Far West, and with California leading all states with 586 individual members, it was widely felt that San Francisco should be the current meeting site. Next January, the A. H. S. A. will return its annual meeting to New York City.

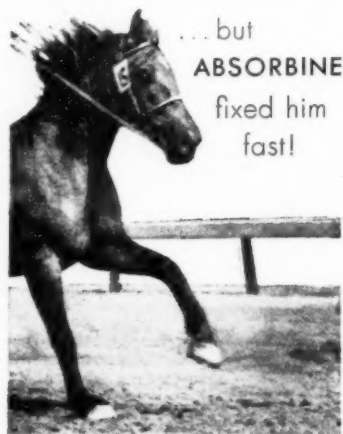
A forum discussing management of shows came in mid-afternoon. First speaker was Theodore E. Buell, AHSA Executive Secretary, who offered suggestions based on experiences of his office during the past year. He stressed the increasing importance of alert and efficient management, pointing to greater competition among committees for exhibitors within the sport and for spectators outside the sport.

The speaker urged shows to pay closer attention to the rule book charts showing minimum requirements for A and B shows, pointing out that frequently, with particular reference to West Coast shows, managements more than meets the minimum premium obligations of a division or section, but that by being one event short of the minimum class requirements deprives exhibitors of triple points available at A shows, or double points available at B shows. He further stated that a number of Western shows continue to offer championships in the hunter and jumper stake classes, rather than on a basis of points throughout the show in violation of the rules.

Management was asked to place greater importance on better marking of cata-

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## FEBRUARY

## 2-year-olds

- 15 THE FRIZETTE STAKES, \$50,000 added. 2-year-olds, fillies. 1 1/8 miles. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Jamaica.** To be run during 1955 autumn meeting.
- 15 THE REMSEN STAKES, \$50,000 added. 2-year-olds, entire colts. 1 1/8 miles. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Jamaica.** To be run during 1955 autumn meeting.
- 15 THE HOPEFUL, \$30,000 added. 2-year-olds. 6 1/2 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Saratoga.** To be run during 1955 meeting.
- 15 THE UNITED STATES HOTEL STAKES, \$15,000 added. 2-year-olds. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Saratoga.** To be run during 1955 meeting.
- 15 THE GRAND UNION HOTEL STAKES, \$15,000 added. 2-year-olds. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Saratoga.** To be run during 1955 meeting.
- 15 THE SPINAWAY, \$20,000 added. 2-year-olds, fillies. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Saratoga.** To be run during 1955 meeting.
- 15 THE COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS \$50,000 added. 3-year-olds, fillies. 1 3/8 miles. By subscription of \$100 each to accompany nomination. **Belmont.** To be run during 1955 spring meeting.

## 3-year-olds and up

- 16 THE NEW ORLEANS HANDICAP, \$50,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1 1/8 miles. By subscription of \$100 each to accompany nomination. **Fair Grounds.** To be run March 5.
- 16 THE HIALEAH TURF HANDICAP, \$50,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1 1/2 miles, turf. by subscription of \$100 each to accompany nomination. **Hialeah.** To be run March 2.

## 2-year-olds

- 15 THE LAFAYETTE STAKES, \$10,000 added. 2-year-olds. 1/2 mile, Headley Course. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Keeneland.** To be run during 1955 spring meeting.

## 3-year-olds

- 15 THE ASHLAND STAKES, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds, fillies. 6 furlong. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Keeneland.** To be run during 1955 spring meeting.
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- 3-year-olds and up
- 15 THE PHOENIX HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Keeneland.** To be run during 1955 spring meeting.
- 15 THE BEN ALI HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. abt. 7/8 mile, Beard Course. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Keeneland.** To be run during 1955 spring meeting.

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- JAMAICA**—Metropolitan Jockey Club, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York.
- SARATOGA**—The Saratoga Association, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.
- PIMLICO**—The Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore 15, Maryland.
- BELMONT**—Westchester Racing Association, 250 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.
- FAIR GROUNDS**—Fair Grounds Corporation, Fair Grounds Race Course, New Orleans, La.
- HIALEAH**—Hialeah Race Course, Inc., Hialeah, Florida.

## Racing Review

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through very nicely. He seems to be a very sharp horse.

Blessbull was second in the New Year's Handicap and won the Hialeah Inaugural in his other two 1955 starts. His earn-

ings since the first of the year add up to \$33,100.

In '54, he won 6, was second in 2 and third in 1 of his 13 starts. He earned \$28,425.

By Bless Me—Edabull, by \*Bull Dog, Blessbull was bred by the Paragon Stable. He is four years old and a gelding.

## Fair Grounds

**The Pelleteri Handicap**, 3rd running, 6 furlongs, 3-year-olds and up (January 29). M. E. Affeld provided three horses Pursuance, Spur On and Two Fisted, in the field of eleven for the Pelleteri Handicap and the entry was made the favorite.

Spur On, which won the Michigan Mile last year earned the prize by a neck over Bobby Brocato. A length and a half back, Epic King took third money; after another gap of the same distance came Super Devil for fourth.

First money of \$9,925 gave Spur On a total of \$10,929 for 1955. The seven year-old horse finished second in his other start this year.

Last season, he registered 2 wins, a second and 3 thirds in 11 tries. His earnings amounted to \$75,745.

By Whirlaway, from Still Blue, a daughter of Blue Larkspur, Spur On was bred by Calumet Farm.

## Stallions to Stud

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annexed one race as a four-year-old of 1953, the first season he raced.

He is a son of Eiffel Tower, whose son Apple Valley won the Del Mar Derby and Santa Anita Maturity.

Victory Tower is a half brother to the Golden Gate Mile Handicap winner Pension Plan. The dam, Dona Victoria, is a daughter of Gallant Fox—Vicaress, victor in the Spinaway Stakes, Delaware and Ladies Handicaps, and half a dozen other stakes. Vicaress is a half sister, by Flying Ebony, to the Saratoga Handicap captor Vicar; and to Hypnotic and Vagrancy, both of whom took the Alabama Stakes and Coaching Club American Oaks. Vagrancy also triumphed in the Pimlico and Delaware Oaks, Gazelle and Test Stakes, Beldame, Ladies and Queen Isabella Handicaps, to accumulate a total of \$102,480. Among her offspring are the English-raced St. Leger winner Black Tarquin, the good hurdler Hyvania and the classy filly Vulcania.

The light brown Victory Tower stands at Dave McClintock's ranch, Anaheim, at private treaty.

## Letters To The Editor

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got good job too He keep gard on all hounds an curs we not so shure of an rounds them up every nite an puts them in a big cloud Corral for nite. I am on gard 3 days a week an then I go on nite Problems with puppies teaching them to Chase foxes thru the Clouds an rest of time I play around an feel fine. I hear of Stuppi an read good. I an Guvnor are Very Proud of he an hold gate open any time he cum up. I hope he not come up soon. You be surprise how many houns try to get in here that got bad rekords. I guess I lucky to be here I use to cut up plenty, remember? O I almos forgot you got 6 more puppies coming Dec. 29 they AcRoBATS to. Maybe he stay here. We no by March anyway.

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(Santa Anita Photo)

Twenty years after he had won the first running of the Santa Maria Handicap, Jockey Jack Westrope brought Alberta Ranches, Ltd.'s "Blue Butterfly down to the wire in the same stakes race, a neck to the good of the fast closing R. S. Howard's Mab's Choice (2C), who took the place award by a nose over G. I. Martin's Alibhai Lynn on the rail.

# In the Country



## BELMONT'S INTERNATIONAL 'CHASE

Plans have been put underway, a date selected, and an increase made in the traveling funds for a renewal of the International Steeplechase at Belmont Park during the coming spring meeting. George D. Widener, president of Belmont, has announced the second running of the event for Saturday, May 21 which will bring it between the Kentucky Derby and The Preakness and make it the major racing event of that week-end.

The conditions remained approximately as they were a year ago with an important change which is that Belmont agrees to an increase of approximately 50% in the expense money provided by the association for the transportation of horses invited from abroad. The fund is now large enough to insure the entry of the best field horses from England, Ireland and France.

A year ago the race was two miles and had an added value of \$20,000. A half-dozen flew across from England and Ireland with their jockeys. This year the value remains the same but the distance has been increased to two and one-half miles, which should make it more attractive to foreign entry. The plan is to again secure the best from those two countries as well as France.

The National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, according to S. Bryce Wing, its president, has started now to line up the best obtainable. The current plan is to draw up a list of eligibles and to keep Mr. Widener apprised of these and of their progress during their season abroad, so that the Belmont president will have advice in this selection of the final five which he will invite to the race.

Tim Vigors, the Irish horseman has been retained to handle the European end of this race and will keep the New York offices advised of progress.

## SPRING HUNT MEETING DATES

Meeting Thursday morning, January 13th, the Hunts Committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association quickly approved a schedule of dates for Spring Hunt Race Meetings in the East.

In contrast to some years, when the al-

location of dates has been a troublesome one, the 1955 schedule represents the dates requested by each meeting.

The Stoneybrook meeting at Southern Pines, North Carolina opens the season on March 19 and two weeks later the Carolina Cup holds their meeting on April 2nd. On successive Saturdays the session moves north through Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York, winding up with the Adjacent Hunts Meeting at Purchase, New York on Decoration Day, Monday, May 30th.

One notable change in the 1955 schedule will be two successive Saturdays of racing at the Glenwood race Course in Middleburg, Virginia on April 16 and 23.

Dates for five meetings on the Mid-West circuit will be announced in about ten days following a meeting of the Mid-West group at Nashville, Tennessee on January 22nd.

The eleven man Hunts Committee representing various sections of the Country, has two changes for the ensuing year. Lewis C. Murdock, New York banker, of Far Hills, New Jersey will represent that State. Murdock is a former Amateur rider and helps to direct the Essex race meeting at Far Hills, New Jersey each Fall.

George Van Hagen of Chicago is the newly named member of the Hunts Committee from the Mid-West. Like Murdock, Van Hagen was formerly an Amateur rider and has been actively interested in Mid-West hunt racing for several years.

Re-elected on the Hunts Committee for 1955 were Chairman, Stephen C. Clark, of Middleburg, Virginia, Vice-Chairman, James Park of Monkton, Maryland and Secretary, John E. Cooper of Tenafly, New Jersey.

## A DAY OF SPORT

The Blue Ridge Hunt, Millwood, Virginia will hold its annual Point-to-Point Races on Saturday, March 12, at Col. Graham Dougherty's Woodley Farm, near Berryville, Virginia. The afternoon card composed of 4 races will commence at 2:30. Leading off the program will be The Clifton Cup for ladies; The Novice, for horses which have hunted regularly during the season and which have never won over jumps; A Combination Hunt Race and The Joseph W. Lewis Memorial.

The Hunting Pace Event devised by and introduced at Blue Ridge last year

with such success will be held again this season, commencing at 12:30 on the same day of the Point-to-Point.

## P. H. B. A. HIGH SCORE AWARDS

The annual P. H. B. A. Horse Show and Breeding Division high score awards were presented to the various winners at the dinner meeting held on Friday, December 10th, at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg. The winners for 1954 were as follows:

### Horse Show

Conformation hunter—Gerald's Aide, Mrs. Simon T. Patterson.  
Working hunter—Kimberling, H. A. W. Myrin.  
Green hunter—Tight Spot, Mrs. Arthur Hanna.  
Open jumper—Trader Bedford, Millard Farms, Harry Millard Williams.  
Hunter pony—Flash, Pamela T. Bughman.

### Breeding Division

Broodmare, Thoroughbred—Spanish Cheri (Cherry King II—Queen of Spain,) Mrs. L. Lloyd Lose.  
Broodmare, other than Thoroughbred—Tetramar (Marble-unk), Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Pancoast.  
Weanling, Thoroughbred—tie—Unnamed (Ocor—Mistassini, Mr. and Mrs. Owen B. Rhoads; Unnamed (Beau of Mine—Little Push), Dr. and Mrs. Frederic Bahler.  
Weanling, other than Thoroughbred—Grey Fox (Eternal Bomb—Tetramar), Mrs. Howe Lovv.  
Yearling, Thoroughbred—Unnamed (Drum Major—Miss Timber, Fox Valley Farms, F. M. Mitchell.  
Yearling, other than Thoroughbred—Dagnet ("Esterling-unk), Fox Valley Farms, F. M. Mitchell.  
2-year-old Thoroughbred—Kingussie (Bright Camp—Knight's Pledge), Rolling Rock Farms, Gen. R. K. Mellon.  
2-year-old, other than Thoroughbred—Niobe ("Rufigi—Scagglethorp Niobe), Westmoreland Farms, E. C. Bothwell.  
3-year-old, Thoroughbred—Scarlet Coat (Bright Camp—Right Aim, Rolling Rock Farms, Gen. R. K. Mellon.  
3-year-old, other than Thoroughbred—Mudge (Stimulist-unk), Fox Valley Farms, F. M. Mitchell.

## SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Miss Pat Smythe, Britain's leading rider, has been voted "The Sportswoman of the Year" for 1954 in a nationwide ballot. This is the second year in succession that she has been awarded this title. Last October at the Brussels International indoor show she broke the official ladies' high-jumping record on her Prince Hal, with a leap of 2.2 metres (7-218 feet). Prince Hal is a sixteen hands chestnut gelding, who is 13 years old this year. Originally a race horse Prince Hal was bred in Ireland, and is by King

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DALLAS, Tex., Adolphus Hotel—Mar. 10th - 12th  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Muehlebach Hotel—Mar. 14th - 15th  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jefferson Hotel—Mar. 16th - 18th  
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## Sporting Print By W. S. Vanderbilt Allen On Our Cover This Week

Our cover picture is taken from the portfolio "Sporting Incidents" published in 1893 in New York by Henry T. Thomas. It was the first American work to include representations of organized hunts, amateur racing, coaching events, and horse shows. It was sold by subscription only and was certainly one of the most ambitious and sumptuous sporting books ever published in this country. The contents consist largely of prints and vignettes after paintings and drawings by W. S. Vanderbilt Allen with accompanying text. About the plate in question the text reads: "The accompanying plate represents the Queens County Hunt following the hounds at Mineola, L. I. Mr. F. Gray Griswold is the Master. Some of the others in the plate are Mr. H. L. Herbert, Mr. C. Albert Stevens, Mr. P. F. Collier, and Mr. S. D. Ripley."

Mr. Fletcher Harper, former master of the Orange County Hunt who also hunted with the Queens County in the old days, identifies Mr. Griswold as the figure on the right and Mr. Herbert as the man with the mustache next to him. Mr. Ripley is on the gray.

### Queens County Hounds.

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#### MEET NOVEMBER.

Tuesday 1st,	- - Mineola,
3.45 P. M.	
Saturday 5th,	- - Garden City,
3.45 P. M.	
Tuesday 8th,	- - Williston Farm,
2.00 P. M.	
Luncheon at 12.30 P. M., by invitation C. G. Peters, Esq.	
Saturday 12th,	- - Valley Stream,
11.45 A. M.	
Tuesday 15th,	- - Court House,
3.45 P. M.	
Saturday 19th,	- - Hyde Park,
12.00 M.	
Tuesday 22nd,	- - Williston Farm,
3.30 P. M.	
Thursday 24th,	- - Sands Point,
2.30 P. M.	
Luncheon at 1 P. M., by invitation Hon. Lloyd R. Byrge.	
Tuesday 29th,	- - Williston Farm,
3.30 P. M.	

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## A. H. S. A. Meeting

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logues and prompter submission of them to AHSA. It was urged that someone at each show be assigned the duty of marking, as each class is completed during the show, a sufficient number of catalogues to have them immediately available for AHSA, press, horse magazines and owner uses.

Mr. Buell reminded committees of the desirability of furnishing as much information as possible to spectators through their catalogues including alphabetical lists of exhibitors and numerical lists of horses (required of A and B shows). The Executive Secretary emphasized the importance of using AHSA stewards who would be "more than badge-wearers", and attested to the value of many of the reports submitted by them

in 1954. (Subsequently, it was decided to prepare a Steward's report form in two parts this year; one part is to be confidential, the other to include recommendations which may be forwarded to management for its use).

Other subjects touched on included: improvements of courses, better spacing between jumps, improvement of lighting facilities for outdoor rings, elimination of confusion in committee stands, using exact prize list specifications on judges' cards, use of two ring gates, need for better jump crews and the more intelligent handling of jumps to eliminate program delays.

It was reported that, contrary to the rules, five shows failed to have veterinarians in 1955; in 41 cases these officials were present on a part-time basis.

A reception and dinner-dance climaxed the activities of the second day.

A forum on the subject of stewards opened Thursday's program. At the same time meetings of the Arabian, Heavy Harness and Parade Committees were held simultaneously, following by sessions of the Equitation, Jumper and Palomino committees. Following a farewell luncheon everyone boarded buses and private cars for a visit to Filoli, the home of Mrs. William P. Roth in San Mateo.

The Directors voted that the 1956 convention be held in the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City on January 12-14.

## Jockey Ray York Voted 1955 Woolf Memorial Award by Turf Writers

Jockey Ray York, winner of three \$100,000-added stakes last season and regular rider of Andy Crevolin's Determine, was named January 24 to receive the sixth annual George Woolf Memorial Award following a vote of Southern California turf writers and sports editors.

Presentation ceremonies will be held at 12:15 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, with the riders in colors, Santa Anita executives and racing officials forming a guard of honor at the life-sized statue of George Woolf in the walking ring of the Santa Anita paddock area. The public is invited.

The award, in the form of a bronze-cast miniature of the Woolf statue, has been made each year at Santa Anita since 1950 to pay tribute to the American riding fraternity in the name of the late George Woolf, famed "Ice Man of the Saddle". It is voted by turf writers to an outstanding jockey who has made valued contributions to racing and his profession.

York, 22, a native of Gloucester, Mass., who has spent most of his life in Southern California, scored his first winner on a recognized race track July 4, 1949, at Pleasanton after cutting his riding teeth in quarter horse racing.

He began his most successful year at Santa Anita last season by winning eight stakes, including the \$100,000-added Santa Anita Derby on Determine and the \$100,000-added San Juan Capistrano Handicap on Mrs. Edward Lasker's By Zeus.

York subsequently won the Kentucky Derby on Determine and piloted the grey colt to a total of 10 stakes victories that made him the money-winning champion of 1954 with earnings of \$328,700.

At Golden Gate Fields last Nov. 22, York brought further credit to himself in an incident that had nothing to do with his riding ability. His quick action that day was responsible for saving Johnny Longden from possible serious injury when the latter's mount bolted

in the post parade and fell over the rail. York jumped off his own mount, vaulted the rail and calmed the fallen horse until the unconscious Longden could be removed from under the animal's feet.

Past Woolf award winners are Gordon Glisson (1950), Willie Shoemaker (1951), Longden (1952), Eddie Arcaro (1953) and Ralph Neves last year.

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Hal, at present one of the leading sires of steeplechasers.

The title of "Sportsman of the Year" was awarded to Dr. Roger Bannister the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes. Christopher Chataway, another athletic hero, was voted a close second. In the whole poll, including both men and women, Pat Smythe came third to these two runners, above all other sporting personalities.

Show Jumping in England has definitely captured the popular fancy. Newspaper publicity and television are partly responsible, also the victory of the British jumping team at the 1952 Olympic Games.

### GIFTS

When Santa Claus set down his sleigh in New Mexico's Snow (sand to none residents of that fair state) he left a set of new jumps for Ann Gavin. At Harriet Markus' Green Acres Farm, he left a completely lighted schooling ring, and this promises to be a most active spot for "equine night-lifters" in the coming month. —The Westerner

### A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

John J. "Slim" Walsh, polo coach at the Southern Arizona School for Boys in Tucson, is riding with one foot in the stirrup and the other in a cast. After surviving unscathed 25-years of hard-fought polo, indoor and outdoor, in the East, South, and West, "Slim" stopped a 16-year-old pupil's solidly smashed ball with his left ankle during a practice scrimmage on the prep school field. The pupil—his son John, Jr., who plays No. 3 on the SAS varsity this year. —B. B.



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